

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:237
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2010
UPGRADATION OF STATE ROADS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for declaring a State road as a National Highway (NH);
- (b) the details of the proposals received from various States for declaration/ conversion/ upgradation of State roads as NHs during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, stretch-wise and length-wise;
- (c) the details of State roads upgraded/ converted into NHs during the said period alongwith the funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred, State-wise, stretchwise and length-wise;
- (d) the details of the ongoing/pending projects in this regard and the time frame for their completion;
- (e) the basis on which the Government allocates funds to the States for such works; and
- (f) the target fixed for connecting State roads with NHs during 2010-11?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 237 FOR ANSWER ON 10.08.2010 ASKED BY SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN AND SHRI SHAILENDRA KUMAR REGARDING UPGRADATION OF STATE ROADS.

- (a) An eleven point criteria broadly has been devised for declaring a state road/stretch as a National Highway (NH). A copy of the same is enclosed as Annexure-I.
- (b) State-wise, stretch-wise and lengthwise details of the proposals received from various State Governments during the last three years and the current year is enclosed as Annexure-II.
- (c) The details of the state roads upgraded/converted into National Highways during the said period are enclosed as Annexure-III.
- (d) to (f) Expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se-priority and availability of funds. No targets have been fixed for developing of State Roads as NHs during 2010-11. The allocation of funds for development and maintenance of National highways is made in lumpsum State -wise. No separate funds are allocated for new National Highways.