

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

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EXPRESSWAY NETWORK IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for inclusion of 2871 km. of roads under the National Expressway Network;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has given its approval for only 725 km. of roads under the said Network;
- (c) whether approval for the remaining 2146 km. of roads is being considered by the Government;
- (d) if so, the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) to (e) This Ministry had awarded a Consultancy Services for Formulation of a Master Plan for a National Expressway Network in the country in December 2008. All the State Governments were requested to offer their views on the Draft Report submitted by the Consultants. The Government of Gujarat requested for inclusion of about 2,871 km stretches of roads in the proposed Master Plan. The Final Report submitted by the Consultants, duly considering the views / observations received from the State Governments (including Gujarat) and recommending inter-alia an Expressway Network of about 18,637 km for completion in prioritized manner in three phases spanning upto the year 2022, has been accepted by the Government. However, from an overall perspective of broad integration of the Expressway Network in the entire country, the exact alignment proposed by various States could not be adhered to by the Consultants while proposing the National Expressway Master Plan in the Final Report.

The Master Plan includes the following segments of National Expressway Corridors passing through the State of Gujarat (i) Ahmedabad-Rajkot (215 km) (ii) Bamanbore-Kandla (210 km) (iii) Surat-Nagpur-Raipur-Kolkata (1760 km) and (iv) Ahmedabad-Ratlam (350 km).