

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

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ROAD NETWORK IN THE COUNTRY  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the share of road transport in the movement of passenger and freight during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the road network in the country is inadequate in view of the present density of the passengers and freight movement;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the road network in areas where transport density is high; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) As per the latest available information, the share of road transport in the movement of passenger and freight is as under:-

Year	Freight	Passenger		
	Road Transport (Estimated BTKM)	Railways (Net BTKM)	Road Transport (Estimated BPKM)	Railways (BPKM)
2004-05	646	407.4	3469	576.6
2005-06	706	439.6	4110	616.6
2006-07	768	475.0	4833	691.8

BTKM: Billion Tonne Kilometers; BPKM: Billion Passenger Kilometers.

(b) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The total length of NHs network in the country at present is 70,934 km. The 'Road Development Plan Vision : 2021' prepared by the Ministry in 2001 inter-alia had recommended a limited expansion of the NH system so as to have total length of NH network of 80,000 km upto 2021 as compared to the total length of about 57,700 km existing during the year 2000. The Government declares State roads as new NHs from time to time. However, priority is given for development and maintenance of already existing NHs keeping in view the availability of resources than declaring State roads as new NHs.