

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

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

- (a) whether several stretches on the National Highways Network in the country are single lane/unmetalled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which all the declared National Highways are likely to be converted into metalled and two lane roads alongwith the estimated expenditure in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The State-wise details of the single / intermediate lane National Highways (NHs) in the country are annexed. Generally there are no unpaved / unmetalled stretches in the entire NH network.

(c): The development of NHs, including their widening, is a continuous process which is taken up as per the availability of funds, inter-se priority, traffic density, etc. However, this Ministry has taken initiatives to develop about 6000 km length of NHs having less than 2-lane standards (which are not covered for their upgradation / improvement under any other approved programmes, such as National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North East (SARDP-NE), etc.) to minimum acceptable standards with 2-lanes by December, 2014 by exploring the possibility of securing World Bank Loan of about US \$ 2.96 Billion and also through budgetary allocations.