

**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 a proposal submitted by the Government of Gujarat for inclusion of 2871 km of roads as National Expressway Network has not been accepted by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the total length of expressway network approved by the Union Government for Gujarat; and
- (d) the details of the expressway network development approved for Saurashtra region of the State?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) 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 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) Ahemdabad-Rajkot (215 km) (ii) Bamanbore-Kandla (210 km) (iii) Surat-Nagpur-Raipur-Kolkata (1760 km) and(iv) Ahemdabad-Ratlam (350 km).