

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

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LENGTH OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) the total length of National Highways (NHs) in kilometers in the country including single, two, four and six lanes separately alongwith their present condition, State-wise and NH-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to convert all single lane NHs into four lane to avoid accidents;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total length of National Highways completed/pending for construction during each of the last three years and the current year, NH-wise and State-wise;
- (e) the number and name of the NHs connected with the Golden Quadrilateral projects during the said period, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Union Government has received new proposals for development of highways from the various States of the country;
- (g) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (h) whether contracts have been awarded to private companies; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The total length of National Highways (NHs) in the country at present is 70,934 km. The State-wise details of single / intermediate lane, two lane, four lane and six lane & above NHs in the country is at Annexure-I. The Ministry has no proposals for conversion of all single / intermediate lane NHs to four lane NHs.

The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and all the NHs in the country are kept in traffic-worthy conditions within the available resources as per inter-se priority and traffic density. The State-wise and year-wise details of development of NHs carried out under various schemes (such as widening of NHs to two or more lanes, strengthening of weak pavements, construction of missing links, improvement of low grade sections and improvement of riding quality) during the last three years (i.e. during 2007-08 to 2009-10) and the current year 2010-11 (upto September, 2010) are at Annexure-II.

(e): The State-wise details of NHs completed under the Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) during the said period are at Annexure-III.

(f) to (i): During the current year 2010-11 upto September 2010, 288 numbers of proposals amounting to Rs. 5014.6 crore has been received from various State Governments and Union Territories for development of NHs. Out of these, the Ministry has sanctioned 38 numbers of proposals amounting to Rs.609.82 crore up to September, 2010.

Generally all the Civil work contracts on NHs are awarded based on competitive bidding wherein both private companies and Government Undertakings may participate.