

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

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INCREASING VEHICLES ON NHS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage increase in the number of vehicles plying on the National Highways and State Highways every year during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to widen the roads in view of the rising number of vehicles;
- (c) if so, the roads in the country which need widening and the time by which these roads are likely to be widened;
- (d) whether such roads have been identified; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a): The information relating to the number of vehicles separately plying on various categories of roads is not available in this Ministry. However, as per the latest information available in this Ministry, the number of registered vehicles in the country available for the last three years is as under:

Year ending 31st March	Number of registered Vehicles in thousands	% increase
2004	72718	8.52
2005	81502	12.08
2006	89618	9.96

(b): This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways. Roads other than National Highways are under the purview of respective State Governments. The development of National Highways including their widening is a continuous process and works are taken up in a phased manner keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

(c) to (e): There are about 17,977 Km of single/intermediate lane stretches and 37,122 Km of two lane stretches of National Highways in the country at present. These stretches are taken up in phases under various programmes such as National Highways Development Programme (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE), Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, and through Annual Plans for each state for widening depending upon the traffic density, viability, inter-se priority and availability of funds.