

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

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IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD CONNECTIVITY

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

- (a) whether the connectivity of roads is very poor in various States;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to improve connectivity of roads to ensure the industrial development of the nation; and
- (c) if so, the response of the States in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NH) network in the country. The State Governments are responsible for development of roads other than the National Highways. The total length of the NH network in the country at present is 70,934 km. The average density of NH network in the States / Union Territories (UTs) is 21.6 km/1000 square km of area and 6.9 km/lakh population. This figure varies from 5.6 to 210.5 km / 1000 square km and from 0.6 to 181.6 km per lakh population in various States / UTs.

(b) and (c) This Ministry has not made any requests to the State Governments for improving connectivity of State roads to ensure the industrial development of the nation.