

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

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UPGRADATION OF ROADS

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

- (a) whether according to a report inadequate transport infrastructure of the country are impeding overall growth in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is formulating any long term programme for modernisation and upgradation of roads;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) This Ministry is not aware of any such report mentioning about the inadequate transport infrastructure of the country impeding overall growth in the country.

(c) and (d) 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 NHs. The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and the works for development and maintenance of NHs are taken up based on the traffic density, inter-se priority of works and availability of funds. However, under various phases of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP), the following length of NHs is programmed to be developed:

Phase	Name of Project	Length (km)
NHDP Phase-I	4-laning of 5,846 km of Golden Quadrilateral, 981 km of NS-EW corridors, 356 km Port connectivity, 315 km other NHs	7,498
NHDP Phase-II	4-laning of 6,161 km of NS-EW corridors, 486 km other NHs	6,647
NHDP Phase-III	4-laning of 12,109 km of NHs	12,109
NHDP Phase-IV	2-laning with paved shoulders of 20,000 km of NHs	20,000
NHDP Phase-V	6-laning of 6,500 km of selected stretches of NHs	6,500

NHDP Phase-VI Development of 1000 km of Expressways 1,000

NHDP Phase-VII Construction of ring roads, flyovers
and bypasses on selected stretches
in cities/towns

out of the 20,000 km length about 5,000 km length has been approved by Government under NHDP Phase IVA.

Other major programmes include development of about

(i) 6,418 km length of roads (3,513 km NHs and 2,905 km State Roads, etc.) under Phase A of the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North East (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package. Phase-A of SARDP-NE and Arunachal Pradesh Package are targeted for completion by March, 2017 and June, 2015 respectively. Phase 'B' of SARDP-NE, covering about 3,723 km length of roads (1,285 km NH and 2,438 km State roads) has been approved for preparation of Detailed Project Reports only; and

(ii) about 5,478 km length of roads (1,126 km NHs and 4,352 km State Roads) has been identified for development Special Programme for development of roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas. It has been targeted to sanction all the works under this programme by December, 2010 and award them by March, 2011.