

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

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STRENGTHENING AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN REMOTE AREAS .

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for strengthening and construction of roads in remote areas and regions deprived of development in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals for strengthening construction of Rajgarh–Piplodi road upto Rajasthan border, Talin-Eklera- Kurawar road, Suthalia-Lakhanwar-Narsinghgarh road in Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh under the Central Road Funds (CRF) and Inter-State Connectivity Scheme;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon so far; and

(e) if not, the time by which the said proposals are likely to be sanctioned?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) and (b) 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 State roads. The development and maintenance of NHs including expansion of NH network is a continuous process. The works on NHs, including strengthening / upgradation of the NHs, are accordingly taken up from time to time as per the traffic and its density, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The expansion of NH network is also done from time to time depending upon the requirement of connectivity, availability of funds and inter-se priority based upon the proposals received from the State Governments to declare state roads as new NHs.

This Ministry has no specific schemes for development of road connectivity in remote / backward areas. However, the Government has taken up various programmes such as Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North East (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package and Special Programme for Development of Roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas covering 34 districts in eight states (namely in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh). These programmes are, inter-alia, envisaged to promote socio-economic development in these regions.

Apart from this, the Government also provides funds to the States for development of State Roads under the Central Roads Fund (CRF) and Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) & Economic Importance (EI) Schemes.

(c) to (e) No such proposals have been received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh under the Central Roads Funds (CRF) and Inter State Connectivity (ISC) Schemes during the year 2010-11.