

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

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CONVERSION OF SINGLE LANE INTO DOUBLE LANE
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme for converting single lane roads in the country into double lane roads is under implementation;
- (b) if so, whether the said roads have been identified;
- (c) the time by which the work on such roads is likely to be commenced/connected;
- (d) the road length in Kilometres proposed to be converted into two lanes and the road length in Km wherein single lane was converted into double lane during each of the last three years;
- (e) the number of roads in the State proposed to be declared as National Highways;
- (f) whether the State Governments have submitted any proposals in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The State Governments are responsible for development and maintenance of State Roads. The development and maintenance of NHs, including their widening, is a continuous process and the works are accordingly taken up as per availability of funds, inter-se priority and traffic density.

The Government has taken up several programmes for development of NHs and some other roads. Some of these programmes also envisage upgradation of NHs to 2-lane standards such as National Highways Development Project (NHDP)-Phase IVA, Phase-A of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North-East (SARDP-NE) and Arunachal Pradesh Package, road connectivity programme for Left Wing Extremism

(LWE) affected areas etc. The works under these programmes are under various stages of progress and are expected to be completed in phases by June 2015.

Apart from this, the Government has also taken initiatives to develop NHs to 2-lane standards under Annual Plan through budgetary allocation and also through proposed loan assistance from World Bank.

(d) The target set for development of NHs to two lane standards and achievements during each of the last three years are as below:

(Length in kilometer)

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Total
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Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
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919	951	1176	1153	1321	1234	3416	3338
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(e) to (g) The Ministry has, so far, received proposals for declaration of various State roads as NHs from various State Governments

for a total length of more than about 61,000 km.

Expansion of NH network is a continuous process and declaration of new NH is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.