

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:9  
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2011  
UPGRADATION OF NHS  
Tudu Shri Laxman

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

- (a) the status of various programmes of National Highways (NHs) for upgradation to two-lane standards taken up during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the works of converting two lane road linking National Highway No. 18 from Fuladi Chowk Balasore to Jharpokharia with National Highway No. 49 via Baripada is going at the scheduled pace;
- (c) if not, the reasons for the slow progress, alongwith the corrective steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps being taken by NHAI to ensure execution of lane conversion programmes at a faster pace?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. C.P. JOSHI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.9 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2011 ASKED BY SHRI LAXMAN TUDU REGARDING UPGRADATION OF NHs.

(a) The various programmes for upgradation of National Highways (NHs) to 2 lane standards during the last three years and the current year include:

i) Two laning with paved shoulders of 20,000 km of NHs under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IV, out of which, 5,000 km length has been approved by the Government under NHDP Phase-IV A.

ii) Development of about 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 North East (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package. 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 Report only and,

iii) Development of about 5,477 km length of roads (1,126 km NHs and 4,351 km State Roads) has been identified for development of roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas.

iv) Development of about 2178 km length of NHs to 2 lane NH standard following Corridor Development Approach under Annual Plan through NH (original) works.

The status of the above mentioned development programmes is as under:

(as on 30-6-2011)

Name of the programme	Total length (in km)	Length under implementation (in km)	Length completed (in km)
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NHDP Phase-IV	20,000#	873	0
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SARDP-NE	10,141	2756	742
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Special programme for	5,477	3889	525
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development of roads in  
LWE affected areas

2-laning of NHs under NH 2,178 1202 0  
(Original) following  
Corridor Development Approach

# approval for implementation has been obtained for 5000 km.

Besides, development of NHs to 2 lane NH standards is also taken up under Annual Plan for NH (original) works and a length of 6960 km of NHs has been upgraded during the last three years and the current year (as on 30-06-2011).

(b) & (c) Yes, Madam. Feasibility study for upgradation of NH No 18 (erstwhile NH No 5) from Fuladi Chowk Balasore to Jharpokharia with NH No 49 has been completed. A proposal for approval of PPPAC is being submitted for 4 laning on BOT (Toll). Simultaneously, request for qualification for short-listing of bidders have already been received.

(d) In order to expedite implementation of projects, Regional Offices headed by Chief General Managers have been set up by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for close monitoring of implementation of projects. Two Zonal Offices headed by Executive Directors have also been set up at Bhopal and Bangalore for close monitoring of pre-construction activities. Achievement of targets is being monitored closely. Projects are periodically reviewed at field and at headquarters.