

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

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LENGTH OF COASTAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) the total length of coastal highways in the country;
- (b) the length of coastal highways/roads on the sea coasts in the country which have not been notified and upgraded as National Highways;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to notify and upgrade all such roads as National Highways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken so far by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which such roads are likely to be upgraded?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) and the roads other than NHs are responsibility of the concerned State Governments, etc. The total length of NHs in the country is 70,934 km including those running near the sea cost. This Ministry does not maintain any specific details regarding the coastal highways/roads on the sea coasts in the country.

The declaration of any road as NH depends not only on the consideration that it runs along the coast but on several other considerations including requirement of connectivity traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds.