

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy for the development of National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to widen the National Highways in the country including Bihar; and
- (d) if so, details thereof alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The development of National Highways (NH) and the works for the development of NHs (including their widening) in the country including those in the State of Bihar is a continuous process and the works are, accordingly, taken up based on the traffic density, inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, about 32,754 km length of NHs is programmed to be developed to 4 or more lane NH standards under various phases of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP). Also NHDP Phase-IV A includes development of about 5,000 km length of NHs primarily to 2-lane NH standards. Other approved major programmes include development of about 3,513 km length of NHs to primarily 2-lane NH standards under Phase A of the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North East (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package, development of 1,126 km length of NHs to 2-lane NH standards under Special Programme for development of roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas and Special Programme for development of NHs to 2-lane NH standards following Corridor Development Approach in a total length of about 2,177 km. Besides these programmes, development works on NHs including widening of NHs are also taken up under National Highway (Original) [NH(O)] under Annual Plan.

The year-wise details of expenditure incurred / releases made during last three years and current year so far (upto June, 2011) for the development of NHs are as follows:-

Year Expenditure (Rs. in crore)

2008-09 14,714.52

2009-10 14,800.12

2010-11 19,618.45

2011-12 4,338.74#

Provisional, up to June, 11