

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

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UPGRADATION/CONVERSION OF ROADS

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

- (a) the State-wise details of the proposals received from various State Governments for upgradation and conversion of roads/State Highways (SHs) into National Highways (NHs) during each of the last three years in the country including Rajasthan, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra;
- (b) the follow up action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) the number of roads/State Highways converted/upgraded National Highways during each of the last three years in the country including Chhattisgarh;
- (d) the number of pending proposals for upgradation of roads/conversion of roads/SHs into NHs State-wise/UT-wise and the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved/cleared;
- (e) the reasons for delay for conversion/ upgradation of roads/State Highways into NHs; and
- (f) the details of the funds earmarked for the purpose?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b) State-wise details of the proposals received from various State Governments for upgradation and conversion of roads/State Highways (SHs) into National Highways (NHs) during each of the last three years in the country including Rajasthan, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra are annexed. Expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.
- (c) 21 roads/State Highways have been converted/upgraded into National Highways during each of the last three years in the country including Chhattisgarh.
- (d) to (f) Presently, the priority of the Government is to develop and maintain the already existing National Highway network. However, expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.