

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

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CONVERSION OF ROAD INTO NH  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a proposal to the Union Government regarding conversion of Bhandara-Varasiwani-Balaghat-Baihar-Pawai-Amarkantak road into National Highway (NH);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which approval is likely to be accorded for the same?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have proposed for declaration of Bhandara-Tumsar (Maharashtra to Baraseoni-Balaghat-Baihar-Motinala via Mawai to Amarkantak road (length 344 kilometers) as National Highway (NH).

(c) Expansion of National Highways network is a continuous process and requests of various State Governments, including Madhya Pradesh, for declaration of certain roads as National Highway are taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.