GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for road connectivity in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (c) whether the Government has identified roads under the Road Connectivity Programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/Union Territory-wise including Rajasthan alongwith the names of the roads identified under the said programme;
- (e) whether Pali and Jodhpur districts of Rajasthan are also included under the said road connectivity programme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the funds spent so far, road-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NH) network in the country, which run through the length and breadth of the country, thus providing connectivity to the National Capital with State Capital, among the State Capitals, major ports, large industrial centres/tourist centres and neighbouring countries. NH network also, serve strategic purposes and economic advancement of the country. Total length of NH network in the country is 71772 km, which includes 6373 km length of NH network in the State of Rajasthan. The State-wise detail of various NHs including the State of Rajasthan is at Annex. Development and maintenance of NH is a continuous process and depends on the inter se priority and availability of funds. Development and Maintenance are undertaken through General Budgetary Support and different phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North East (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package, Special Programme for development of roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, Special Programme for development of NHs to 2-lane NH standards, etc. Out of these programmes, SARDP-NE including Arunachal Pradesh Package and Special Programme for development of roads in the LWE affected areas also include development of some State roads. Apart from this, the Ministry also allocates funds to the State Governments / Union Territories for development of State Roads (excluding rural roads) under Central Road Fund (CRF) schemes and Economic Importance (EI) & Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) schemes as per the provisions of the CRF Act, 2000.
- (e) The NHs passing through the district of Pali and Jodhpur are NH-14, NH-65, NH-112 and NH-15, NH-65, NH-112 and NH-114 respectively.
- (f) Allocation of funds are made State wise, not district wise or NH wise. Allocation and expenditure for the State of Rajasthan during the last three years are as under:-

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Year Plan(Rs. in Crore) Non-plan(Rs. in Crore)

Allotment Expenditure Allotment Expenditure

2008-09 214.35 216.54 72.35 75.06
2009-10 140.23 140.23 76.53 48.39
2010-11 176.25 147.30 127.39 77.33
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