

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

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

- (a) whether the National Highways constitute merely two per cent of the thirty three lakh kilometers of the total network of roads in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to strengthen the network of State Highways in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) As per "Basic Road Statistics of India" for the year 2007-08 published by this Ministry, the total road length in India is about 41,09,592 km. The total length of National Highways (NH) is 71,772 km at present, which is about 1.75% of total road length in the country.

(c) and (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NH) network in the country. The expansion of NH network is done from time to time depending upon the requirement of connectivity, availability of funds and inter-se priority based upon the proposals received from the State Governments to declare state roads as new NHs. The State Governments are responsible for development of State Highways. This Ministry has no specific schemes to strengthen the network of State Highways in the country.