

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

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

- (a) whether there are not adequate roads to tackle the increasing traffic in the country;
- (b) if so, the ratio of the increase in traffic and the construction of roads throughout the country;
- (c) whether there is any imbalance in this ratio; and
- (d) if so, the action plan made by the Government to tackle this?

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 (NHs) and the State roads other than NHs are the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The development and maintenance of NHs including expansion of NH network is a continuous process. The works on NHs, including widening / upgradation of the NHs, are accordingly taken up in a phased manner as per the traffic and its density, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The expansion of NH network is also 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.