

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1060
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2011
FOUR/SIX LANED NHs
Tewari Shri Manish

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

- (a) the total percentage of NHs that are four/six laned and the time by which all NHs will be four/six laned alongwith the annual or period targets fixed by the Government in this regard;
- (b) the total amount of investment needed for the above projects and steps taken to attract foreign investment for the same;
- (c) the percentage of total length of road network constituted by NHs from 2004-2011 year-wise;
- (d) whether NHA is considering awarding projects on EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Contract) basis;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the defect liability period has been finalized at five years; and
- (g) if so, the objections/recommendations received in this regard from different stakeholders?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) As on 31.10.2011, about 24.7 % of the National Highways (NHs) are four/six laned. The Ministry does not have any proposal for converting all NHs to four/six lane NH standards.

(c) The year-wise details of NH network vis-à-vis total length of road network in the country as per available information from 2003-04 to 2011-12 are as follows:-

Year	Total length of NH network (km)	Total length of road network (km)	Percentage of NH network as compared to the length of total road network
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2003-04	65,569	36,21,507	1.8
2004-05	65,569	38,09,156	1.7
2005-06	66,590	38,80,651	1.7
2006-07	66,590	40,16,401	1.7
2007-08	66,754	41,09,592	1.6
2008-09	70,548	Data not available	-
2009-10	70,934	Data not available	-
2010-11	70,934	Data not available	-
2011-12	71,772§	Data not available	-

§ -As on 31.10.2011

(d) and (e) The Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has directed that 15% of the projects under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) may be taken up on Engineering – Procurement - Construction (EPC) basis.

(f) No, Madam.

(g) Does not arise.