

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:351

ANSWERED ON:19.12.2011

SINGLE LANED NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) The details and the number of single laned National Highways (NHs) in the country, State-wise and NH-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to convert all the single lane/intermediate lane National Highways into two lanes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the likely expenditure to be incurred thereon and the time-frame fixed for their completion;
- (d) whether the Government is proposes to restrict the numbers of bidders for these projects in order to ensure fair and open competition; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial assistance being provided by the World Bank for these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. C.P. JOSHI)

(a)to(e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 351 FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2011 ASKED BY SHRI MANICKA TAGORE AND SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN REGARDING SINGLE LANED NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(a) The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of National Highways (NHs) having less than 2-lanes are annexed.

(b)and(c) This Ministry envisages to convert all single / intermediate lane NHs into two lane NHs in the next five year plan (2012-17) subject to availability of funds and also keeping in view inter-se priority of other required development works under Annual Plan through budgetary allocations including Special Projects likely to be taken up on Engineering -Procurement-Construction (EPC) mode, proposed loan assistance from World Bank and other programmes such as National Highways Development Project (NHDP)-Phase IVA, Phase-A of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North-East (SARDP-NE) and Arunachal Pradesh Package, road connectivity programme for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, etc. However, it is premature to indicate any time frame for their completion along with likely expenditure to be incurred pending finalization of the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) 3,770 km length of various NHs has been identified for their development to 2-lane NH standards with proposed World Bank Loan Assistance. The World Bank has indicated the loan structure in tranches and the first tranche of loan may comprise of US \$ 1.00 billion. Based on this, about 1,270 km length of NHs has been segregated out of 3,770 km for first tranche of loan.