

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

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

- (a) whether the percentage of share of NHs in the country is only 2 per cent of the total road network;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the network of highways in view of busy and increasing traffic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a)and(b) The year-wise details of National Highway (NH) network vis-à-vis total length of road network in the country as per available information from 2005-06 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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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 October, 2011.

(c)and(d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of NHs. Expansion of NH network is a continuous process and declaration of new NHs is done from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.