GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2195
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct new National Highways;
- (b) if so, the targets fixed for construction of new National Highways in the country, State-wise; and
- (c) the funds allocated to various States for implementing the projects including Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

- (a) Presumably the Hon'ble member is referring to declaration of new National Highways. Upgrading State Highways as National Highways is currently not a priority for the Government since the emphasis is on development of existing National Highways which suffer from many deficiencies.
- (b) In view of the above, no such targets have been fixed.
- (c) The funds allocated to various States for implementing the projects during the current year 2009-10 including Gujarat is at annex.