

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:171

ANSWERED ON:26.03.2012

COASTAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) the total length of the coastline of India and the length of this coastline being serviced by the National Highways (NHs), State-wise;
- (b) the length of the coastal roads which have not been notified as yet and upgraded as NHs, State-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to notify and upgrade such roads;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which these roads are likely to be upgraded?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE 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.

A STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 171 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH MARCH, 2012 ASKED BY SHRI HARIN PATHAK AND SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA REGARDING COASTAL HIGHWAYS.

(a): The total coastline of India is 7,516 km. Out of which the Peninsular India contributes 5,423 kms. while the remaining 2,093 kms. are contributed by the Island groups of India. The details of the approximate length of National Highways (NHs) along the coastline State/Union Territory-wise are as under:

Sl. No. Name of State/Union Territory Length in Km.

1 Andhra Pradesh 974

2 Andaman & Nicobar Islands 25

3 Goa 262

4 Gujarat 940

5 Karnataka 298

6	Kerala	692
7	Maharashtra	475
8	Orissa	437
9	Puducherry	41
10	Tamil Nadu	154
11	West Bengal	07

(b) to (e): Expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process. Declaration of any road as a National Highway depends on several other considerations including traffic needs, inter-se-priority, requirement of connectivity on all India basis and availability of funds.