

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

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

- (a) the number of single lane National Highways in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to convert single lane National Highways into two lanes;
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the details of the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the time-limit fixed for completion of these works;
- (d) whether the World Bank is going to provide financial assistance for these projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of National Highways (NHs) having less than 2-lanes are annexed. However, this excludes the State Roads declared as new NHs during February, 2012 which are yet to be entrusted to various agencies.

(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) and (e) 3,420 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 agreed to provide fund partly for the development of these identified NH stretches subject to successful completion of project appraisal, loan negotiation and loan signing agreement with the World Bank.