

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ROAD CONNECTIVITY IN BORDER STATES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to provide quality roads for better connectivity in border States of the country; and
- (b) if so, the progress made in this regard in each State during the last three years, especially in Punjab?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The development & maintenance of NHs, including those in the border States is a continuous process and the works are accordingly taken up to keep the entire NH network in traffic-worthy condition depending upon availability of funds, traffic density and inter-se priority.

However, the Government has approved in principle the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) for setting up of Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at 13 locations on the India - Pakistan, India - Nepal, India - Bangladesh and India - Myanmar borders for facilitating trade and commerce. As a part of this, 6 ICPs at Petrapole, Moreh, Raxaul, Wagah, Dawki and Akhaura are to be developed, including their back linkages (road connectivity) under priority-I. Approval has been accorded for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for ICPs under priority-II. This Ministry is taking necessary action for improvement of the NH back linkages for these proposed ICPs for harmonizing their completion with the setting up of the ICPs.

The State-wise progress made for the improvement of NHs linking the proposed integrated check posts including in the State of Punjab during the last three years is annexed.