

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

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UPGRADATION OF COASTAL HIGHWAYS IN GUJARAT  
Pathak Shri Harin

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

- (a) whether all sections of the coastal Highway alongwith the Coast in the State of Gujarat have not been upgraded to National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by which the upgradation work will be completed;
- (d) whether the road connecting the Union Territories near Gujarat are not upgraded to NHs;and
- (e) if so, the reasons for the same and the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) Out of total length of about 1729 km of coastal highways , only about 660 kms are National Highways and balance are State Highways.The following roads connecting Gujarat with Union Territories are not National Highways.

1. Una-Delvada-Ahmedpur Mandvi-Diu Road 11 Km.
2. Vapi-Daman Road 09 Km.
3. Vapi-Selvasa Road 12 Km.
4. Vanakabara-Kotda road joining NH-8E 30 Km.

At present, the declaration of more roads as National Highways, is not a priority for the Government.The existing National Highway system of about 70,548 kms itself has deficiencies and there is a need to concentrate on the development of the existing National Highways instead of further expansion of the system.As and when the Government is in a position to expand the network further, requirements of different States will be given due consideration subject to inter-se-priorities and availability of funds.