

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

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CONVERSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) the total length of one-lane/two-lane/four-lane/six-lane/eight-lane roads/ highways in the country, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (b) the proposals received from the State Government for conversion of highways into four/six/eight lanes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise particularly in under-developed and backward districts of Maharashtra alongwith the details of the policy with regard to conversion of NHs in the country;
- (c) the State-wise details of the proposals approved during the same period alongwith the present status thereof especially in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra and the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (d) the details of the delayed/pending projects, if any, alongwith the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard alongwith the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared; and
- (e) whether the National Highways Authority of India is undertaking the maintenance of Jaipur-Delhi NH-8 as per the set standard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The State / Union Territory (UT)-wise details of length of less than 2-lane, 2-lane and 4 and more lane NHs including in the State of Rajasthan are at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d) The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and works are taken up keeping in view availability of resources and inter-se priority. Although this Ministry has taken up area specific programmes such as Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North East (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package and Special Programme for Development of Roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas covering 34 districts in eight states (namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh), there is no specific programme for development of roads connectivity in in under-developed and backward districts of the country.

The State-wise details of proposals received from the State Government for conversion of NHs into four/six/eight lanes and proposals approved during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-II. These projects are at various stages of progress.

(e) Maintenance of Gurgaon-Jaipur section of NH-8 which is being 6-laned on BOT basis is being done by the concessionaire as part of their obligations under the provisions in the Concession Agreement.