

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

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

(a) whether the Government / National Highways Authority of India has decided to spare some old temples for the widening of National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and NH-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) & (b) The fundamental principle of selection of alignment is to achieve least overall cost on transportation and at the same time, satisfying the social and environmental requirements. While deciding the alignment, efforts are also made to save important archaeological and historical monuments, including important religious structures, etc.