

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:7
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2013
UPGRADATION OF STATE HIGHWAYS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS .
Lal Shri Kirodi ;Pandey Saroj

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

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for upgradation of State Highways to National Highways (NHs) under plan and non-plan heads during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Jharkhand;
- (c) the number of proposals approved/ NHs upgraded particularly under Build, Operate and Transfer mode during the period and the funds sanctioned/allocated for the purpose, State-wise; and
- (d) the State-wise details of the pending proposals, if any, especially from Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand along with the reasons therefor and the time by which these pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

A STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 7 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2013 ASKED BY KUMARI SAROJ PANDEY AND DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA REGARDING UPGRADATION OF STATE HIGHWAYS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS.

(a) to (d) Declaration of National Highways is taken up from time to time depending upon the requirement of connectivity, inter-se-priority and availability of funds. Proposals for declaration of more than 65000 kms of new NHs were received from the various States including Jharkhand. During the last three years and the current year 10,866 kms of new NHs have been declared. The proposals which could not be considered have been returned unapproved.

Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and improvement works on newly declared NHs are taken up in stretches under plan, non-plan through budgetary support or on BOT basis depending upon the inter-se-priority, availability of funds and viability of projects.