

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

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

- (a) whether 23,814 km of National Highways was added to the existing National Highway Network during the 9th Five Year Plan period and if so, the facts in this regard;
- (b) whether this remains the largest construction of NHs during any Five Year Plan period since independence and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the targets fixed for construction of NHs in the country during the current year; and
- (d) whether the Government has achieved these targets and if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) 23,814 km length of State roads were declared as new National Highways (NHs) during the 9th Five Year Plan (1997-2002). These roads were only declared as new NHs and not constructed. This is the highest length of State roads declared as new NHs during a particular Five Year Plan period, since independence.
- (c) and (d) The target for construction of NHs during the current financial year 2013-14 is 6,329 km and against this target 1,183 km of NHs have been constructed till June, 2013.