

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:274
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NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop National Highways that are outside the ambit of the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) and other Centrally sponsored road projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the said proposal would help in accelerating the pace of national highway development in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) and (b) Out of the total National Highway (NH) network of 70,548 km, about 47,054 km length of NHs is included for their development / upgradation under various phases of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP). For the balance length, the Government has taken initiatives for development of NHs under various programmes, such as Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North-East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package (5,184 km), Special Programme for Development of Roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas (1,202 km) and through normal budgetary resources based on traffic density, availability of funds and inter-se priority.

Ministry is also exploring the possibility of securing World Bank Loan of US \$2.96 Billion to part finance the programme to widen about 6,000 km of single/intermediate lane NHs to 2-lane NH standards.

Reply to part (c) is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 274 FOR ANSWER ON 08.12.2009 ASKED BY SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL AND SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE REGARDING NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT

(c) As of now, development works on NHs are being taken up in small stretches spread out on various NHs keeping in view the limited availability of funds. However, the proposed strategy for Annual Plan 2010-11 is to adopt Corridor Development Approach in order to make visible impact of the development initiatives.

All these programmes and strategies are intended at accelerating the pace of development of NHs towards giving an impetus for achieving the objective of inclusive growth and socio- economic development of the country.