

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

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IMPROVING NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN HILLY STATES

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to give special impetus to National Highways (NHs) in the Hilly States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and project-wise;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned/released/ utilised for construction/ strengthening/ maintenance of NHs in Hilly States during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and NH-wise including Himachal Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to construct any new NH or take over existing State Highways in the Hilly States for improving the road infrastructure in such States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

- (a) and (b) The Government has taken several initiatives for development of National Highways (NHs) Network in the country. However, there is no separate proposal for giving special impetus to NHs in hilly regions of the country.
- (c) The State-wise details of allocations and expenditure for development and maintenance of NHs in Hilly States (viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Uttarakhand) during each of the last three years and the current year are annexed. The allocations of funds are made State-wise and not NH-wise. However, these do not include the details of the allocations for the NHs entrusted with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Border Roads Organization (BRO) as State-wise allocations of funds are not made for the NHs entrusted with them. Accordingly, no State-wise allocations have been indicated in respect of Jammu & Kashmir and Sikkim.
- (d) and (e) The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs), including declaration of State roads as NHs, is a continuous process and depends upon the volume of traffic, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The declaration of State roads as NHs additionally depends upon the requirements of connectivity.