

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

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COVERAGE OF HIGHWAY NETWORK
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of coverage of National Highway network in various States including Orissa in kilometre during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the density of coverage of various States in comparison to national coverage during the said period, State-wise, NH-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for developing inter-State and intra-State road network for better vehicular movements in various States during the above period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The details of coverage of National Highway network in various States during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and the density of coverage of various States in comparison to national coverage during the said period, State-wise are at Annexure.

(c) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Development of State Roads is under the purview of the State Governments concerned. However, this Ministry has a scheme for development of State Roads, including providing connectivity with neighbouring States under the Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) Scheme, under the Central Road Fund (CRF) Act, 2000. The development and maintenance of NHs, including the NHs passing through inter-state borders, etc., is a continuous process and are taken up depending upon availability of funds, traffic density and inter-se priority of works.