

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

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

- (a) the total length (in kilometers) of National Highways/Expressways and State Highways in the country;
- (b) the funds allocated for construction and maintenance of roads during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and NH-wise;
- (c) whether steps are being taken to remove regional imbalance in the construction of Highways/ Expressways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) and National Expressways. The development and maintenance of the State Roads including State Highways is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. The total length of NHs in the country, including 93.4 km length of National Expressway, is 70,548 km at present. The total length of State Highways in the country was about 1,33,177 km as per the available information upto Year ending 31st March, 2004.
- (b) The allocation of the funds for development and maintenance of NHs are made State-wise and not the NH wise. The State-wise details of the funds allocated for development and maintenance of NHs during each of the last three years and the current year are annexed.
- (c) and (d) 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.