

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

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GUIDELINES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any guidelines for construction and development of the National Highways (NHs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the Government proposes to implement such guidelines; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for construction/upgradation and strengthening of NHs in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The development (construction) of the National Highways (NHs) is taken up based on the Five Year Plans and the Annual Plans keeping in view the availability of funds, traffic density, condition of the road / bridges, location and inter-se priority of various works. Maintenance of NHs is taken up within the fund available on the basis of maintenance norms, severity of damage and inter-se priority of various works.

The work of development of NHs is entrusted to three agencies by the Ministry, namely National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Public Works Departments (PWDs) of the concerned State Governments and the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). This Ministry issues and updates standards and specifications, Manual for construction, as well as circulars from time to time to ensure that the prescribed norms are maintained at the time of development and maintenance thereafter. The development, including upgradation and strengthening, and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process.