

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

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INTER- STATE ROAD CONNECTIVITY
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to prepare any strategy to strengthen the Inter-State roads to facilitate movement of traffic and remove delay in transportation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details and the number of States where road network has not developed sufficiently alongwith the National Highways passing through them during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and NH-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/propose to be taken by the Government to strengthen the Inter-State road connectivity in these States during the said period, State-wise and NH-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) This 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 providing connectivity with neighboring States under the Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) Scheme under the Central Road Fund (CRF) Act, 2000.

(c) and (d) 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. Due emphasis is given for development of NH Network in all the States.