

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4060  
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DELHI- MUMBAI RAIL FREIGHT CORRIDOR  
Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to integrate Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) rail freight corridor with the road network;
- (b) if so, the details of completed and pending works, State-wise;
- (c) the proposals submitted by various State Governments for development of various infrastructure linkage for overall development of DMIC, State-wise;
- (d) the action taken by the Government on these proposals and the present status of each proposal, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for timely completion of the project?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(e) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs), including the NHs connecting the proposed Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) rail freight corridor. The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and NHs in the country are being kept in traffic worthy condition within the available resources, depending upon traffic density and inter-se priority of works. However, this Ministry has no separate plans or schemes at present for integrating the DMIC rail freight corridor with the road network.

This Ministry has received proposals for upgradation of various NH stretches from the Government of Gujarat as a part of development of road linkage for the DMIC. The Government of Gujarat has requested for consideration of 6-laning of Ahmedabad-Bagodara-Bamanbore- Samakhiali-Gandhidham-Mandvi stretch of NH-8A, Kandla-Gandhidham stretch of NH-8A and Jambusar-Amod stretch of NH-228 as a part of development of road linkage for the DMIC. The sections of NH-8A from Ahmedabad to Bamanbore, Samakhiali to Gandhidham and from Kandla to Gandhidham are already 4-laned. The work of 4-laning between Bamanbore to Samakhiali section of NH-8A is in advanced stage of progress and this is targeted for completion in June 2010. The improvement to 4-lane between Gandhidham and Mundra is included under National Highways Development Project (NHDP)-Phase-III. Also the Government has approved 6-laning of Gandhidham- Samakhiali stretch of NH-8A under NHDP-Phase-V. Proposals for 6-laning from km 0 to km 7.2 and from km 14.5 to km 32.2 of Ahmedabad-Bagodara section of NH-8A have been included in the Annual Plan for 2009-10. The estimates for 6-laning from km 0 to km 7.2 and from km 14 to km 22.6 submitted by the State Government of Gujarat are under consideration of the Ministry. At present, there is no proposal for 6-laning of the remaining stretches of NH-8A. The Jambusar-Amod Stretch of NH-228 is a part of "Dandi-Heritage Route" and there is no proposal to widen it to 6-lanes.

The Government of Gujarat also requested for consideration of 4-laning of Porbandar-Rajkot- Bamanbore stretch of NH-8B and Bharuch-Amod-Jambusar stretch of NH-228. The Porbandar-Rajkot- Bamanbore stretch of NH-8B falls on the East-West Corridor and it has already been upgraded to 4-lane standards. The Bharuch-Amod-Jambusar stretch of NH-228 is a part of "Dandi-Heritage Route" and there is no proposal at present to widen it to 4-lanes.