

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:43

ANSWERED ON:26.02.2015

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) the criteria laid down for declaring a road project as National Highways (NHs);
- (b) the length of National Highways including the length of NHs under construction, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the proposals received from the States for conversion/upgradation of State Highways into NHs and those approved along with the funds sanctioned, released and utilised for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the details of NHs being converted/proposed to be converted into four or six lane including the funds allocated and time frame fixed for the purpose, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of the aforesaid projects?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 43 FOR ANSWER ON 26.02.2015 ASKED BY SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE AND SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR REGARDING NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(a) The criteria for declaration of National Highways (NH) is at annexure-I.

(b) Length of National Highways in the country is about 96260 kms. Statewise details of length of NHs, length targeted for completion during the year 2014-15 is at annexure-II.

(c) Ministry has received proposals of declaration of more than 64000 kms of roads/ routes as new National Highway from State/UT Governments. This Ministry has declared about 23669 kms of roads/routes as new National Highway during the last three years and the current year. Subsequent to declaration as NH, the stretches are entrusted to an agency for development and maintenance. Development is taken thereafter in stretches keeping in view the inter-se priority and availability of funds. As such, no allocation of funds is made at the time of declaration of NH.

(d) National Highways are being four/six laned mainly under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP). It is planned to convert 36525 kms of NHs into 4/6 lanes under NHDP at an estimated cost of Rs. 304548 crores. The schemes are likely to be completed by March, 2018. Till December, 2014; 22219 kms have already been converted into 4/6 lanes.

(e) The progress of the projects has been reviewed to sort out the issues related to slow progress and inadequate funds. The steps are taken for exit for equity investors, premium re-scheduling, securitization of road sector loans, mutual termination/ cancellation of awarded road projects and re-bidding, close coordination with other Ministries for speedy clearances like Environment and Forest, ROBs, land acquisition etc and revamping of dispute resolution mechanism etc.