

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

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NHS ON BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to construct network of national highways in the border areas adjoining Pakistan and China which are sensitive from strategic point of view;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to construct 10,000 kilometre long highways in the border areas of the hilly States of Northern India including the North Eastern States and set up a National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation for the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds estimated to be spent under this scheme along with the number of phases are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a) & (b) Development of National Highways (NHs) is continues process and construction of NHs including in border areas which are sensitive from strategic point of view are taken up depending upon the inter-se priority and availability of funds.
- (c) & (d) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has incorporated National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) for taking up construction of NHs in North Eastern region and Strategic Areas of the country sharing international boundaries with neighbouring countries. About 10,000 km stretches have been identified for development in phased manner through NHIDCL depending upon the inter-se priority and availability of funds.