

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

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Connectivity of Roads  
Pathak Smt. Riti

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the connectivity of roads in States;
- (b) if so, the status thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has requested the State Governments to improve connectivity of roads to ensure the industrial development;
- (d) if so, the response of the States in this regard, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide assistance to States to improve connectivity of roads?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The Ministry considers declaration of State Roads as NHs from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

The Ministry takes up development and maintenance of stretches of NHs, including those leading to the industrial areas, as per inter-se-priority and availability of funds. The development and maintenance of State roads, including those connecting industrial areas, is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments.

(e) This Ministry provides funds to the State Governments for development of State roads as per the Central Road Fund Act, 2000 as amended by Finance Act from time to time.

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