

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

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Proliferation of Vehicles on National Highways

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

- (a) the percentage of traffic on National Highways (NHs) to the total road traffic in the country;
- (b) whether construction of highways has gained pace during the last two years but that is not commensurate with the increase in the number of vehicles, if so, the details of percentage of highways construction against increased number of vehicles;
- (c) whether the Transport Research Wing of the Union Government has released a report titled "Basic Road Statistics of India, in the month of September, if so, the salient features of the report; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to regulate the number of vehicles and accelerate the work of highway construction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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(a) and (b) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The total length of NHs at present is about 1, 03, 613 km. Further, about 47,890 km length of State roads have been approved In-Principle as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). The existing NHs comprise of about 1.9 % of total road network, but carry about 40% of total road traffic. The total number of registered vehicles in the country increased from about 17.6 crore as on 31.03.2013 to about 21 crore as on 31.03.2015. During the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, about 4,260 km, 4,410 km and 6,061 km length of NHs have been developed respectively.

(c) The latest issue of Basic Road Statistics of India (2013-14 and 2014-15) published by the Transport Research Wing (TRW) of the Ministry in September, 2016 include details such as the length of various categories of roads, their percentage share in total road length, etc. The report contains information upto 31st March, 2015. The salient features of the Report is at Annexure-I.

(d) The State Governments are concerned with regulation of the number of vehicles in the States. The steps taken by the Government to accelerate the work of highway construction is at Annexure-II.