

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

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

- (a) whether the Himalayan highway project proposed to connect all the Himalayan States from Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh to Uttarakhand has been approved by the Government;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof along with the details of its alignment and likely cost and funding pattern; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the delay in approval of strategically important Himalayan highway project along with the initiatives of the Government to expeditiously approve this project for the all round development of the hill states?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Existing NH network provides connectivity to all the Himalayan States. Development of NHs is continues process and works on the NHs are taken up depending upon the inter-se priority and availability of funds. There is no specific programme of this Ministry for Himalayan highway project.