

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2727**  
ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

**NORMS FOR CLASSIFICATION AS NH**

2727. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether there are norms fixed to assign the National Highway (NH) tag to a road that also includes plying of 5000 vehicles per day and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Central Government of India is making efforts to finalize the new norms in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard;
- (d) whether the Central Government of India have also indentified the roads which will be designated as National Highways as well as to provide all necessary amenities on these highways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a) to (c) Inter Ministerial consultations are in progress for formulation of parameters / criteria for notifying State Roads as new National Highways (NHs).
- (d) and (e) The total length of National Highways (NHs) has been enhanced from about 91,287 km as on 31.03.2014 to about 1,31,326 km at present. Further, the Ministry has approved In-Principle declaration of about 53,031 km length of State roads as new NHs subject to outcome

of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs); initiatives have also been taken up for preparation of the DPRs.

Separate initiatives have been taken up for developing various types of Wayside Amenities and Toilet Blocks, etc., on existing NHs.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has conceptualized plans for setting up of comprehensive Wayside Amenities for providing parking for cars, buses and trucks, restaurants/food courts, dhaba, fuel station, minor repair shop, rest rooms for passengers, dormitories for drivers, kiosks for sale of miscellaneous sundry items, etc.

Further, NHAI has also conceptualized plans for setting up Highway Nests through Private Participation wherein private land owners/entrepreneurs/persons having minimum land area of more than 1 Ha abutting the National Highways can participate for development of wayside amenities as a Co-Branding partnership with NHAI.

Initiatives have also been taken for setting up of Highway Nests (Mini) at toll plazas for convenience of highway users for their safe and comfortable journey with provision of toilets, kiosks for sale of dry snacks, tea and coffee vending machine and Water, Automated Teller Machine (ATM), etc.

In addition, toilet facilities are being provided at Toll plazas of NHAI for convenience of Highway users.

So far 389 nos. of Highway Nests (Mini) have been developed. About 1,129 nos. of toilet blocks have been constructed in the Toll plazas. Letter of Awards (LOA) have been issued for setting up of 03 nos. of Wayside Amenities and 09 nos. of Highway Nests.

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