

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2228**  
ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019

**WORK ON NHs IN BIHAR AND JHARKHAND**

2228. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the finance related standing committee of the NHAI has formulated a proposal for improving the situation of roads in Bihar and Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has identified National Highways (NHs) in Bihar and Jharkhand on which frequent heavy traffic jams take place due to movement of trucks, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to relieve the common people from the problem of traffic jam during the last four years and the number of highways where only two-lane roads are to be converted into four-lane roads;
- (d) the number of National highways widened in the country particularly in Bihar and Jharkhand during the last three years; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to include small highways in the network of National Highways, and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

- (a) to (e) Development / upgradation of National Highways passing through various districts is a continuous process and projects for the same are taken up from time to time depending upon their inter-se priority and availability of funds. Under the Bharatmala Pariyojana programme, various measures to remove heavy traffic jam / congestion have been envisaged such as ring roads, bypasses, grade separator structures etc. at 219 locations in the country which include cities in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand. Moreover, various road stretches have also been identified under Bharatmala Pariyojana to be developed as inter-corridors and feeder routes in different regions of the country.

In the last four years, various projects for development / upgradation of National Highways from single / intermediate / 2-lanes up to 4-lane or more configuration were taken up. The total length of such projects constructed during last 4 years in the State of Bihar and Jharkhand is approximately 363kms. Further, during the past three years, development / upgradation of National Highways for an aggregate length of about 28,915kms has been completed in the country till March, 2019 out of which approximately 1,812kms length was completed in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand.

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