

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3290
ANSWERED ON-29/03/2023

CONVERSION OF SH INTO NH IN PUNJAB

3290. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to convert State Highways into National Highways in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) proposals regarding new National Highways and maintenance of existing National Highway in Punjab during the next financial year; and
- (d) financial allocation thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various States Governments/Union Territories (UTs), etc., including from Government of Punjab for declaration of State roads as new National Highways (NHs). Ministry considers declaration some of the State roads as NHs from time to time based on the requirements of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds. As regards, maintenance and repairs (M&R) of existing NHs in Punjab, the same is a continuous process and is carried out through various sub-heads of M&R like periodic renewals, improvement of riding quality programme, flood damage repairs, special repairs, ordinary repairs, etc. depending on condition of road, traffic levels, inter-se priority and availability of resources. Allocation of Funds for development and maintenance of National Highways for 2023-24 have not yet been fixed.
