

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -3722  
ANSWERED ON – 05/04/2023

**DECLARATION OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ROAD STRETCHES AS  
NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

**3722. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposals to declare various newly constructed road stretches connecting Inter-States in the country as National Highways;
- (b) if so, how many such road stretches are going to be declared as National Highways in the States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;
- (c) whether Government has proposal to declare the road stretch from Palasa – Paralakhemundi – Ramanaguda – Bissamcuttack – Muniguda -Bhabanipatna – Khariar – Bangomunda – Patnagarh - Padmapur in Odisha/ Chhattisgarh Border as new National Highway; and
- (d) if so, by when this declaration is going to happen and the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs) etc., including from the States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, for declaration / upgradation of State roads, including road stretches connecting Inter-States in the country, as new National Highways (NHs). The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads as NHs from time to time based on the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

Length of NHs in the States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand has been increased from about 4,550 km, 3,031 km and 2,968 km respectively as on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014 to about 5,897 km, 3,620 km and 3,430 km respectively as on date.

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