

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -728
ANSWERED ON – 26/07/2023

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

728. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR:

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

- (a) the details of length of State roads (including State Highways) rebranded as National Highway after May 2014;
- (b) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India debt rose 14 times since 2014 to ₹ 3.47 lakhs crore, if so, reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of interest paid on debt for road building since 2014?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) National Highways (NH) network in the country has expanded from 91,287 km in 2014 to 1,46,145 km so far. This includes states road including State Highways and Greenfield roads notified as NHs.
- (b) Outstanding debt of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) increased from Rs. 23,356 Crore on 31.03.2014 to Rs. 3,42,802 Crore on 31.03.2023.

All debts have been raised by NHAI primarily for Infrastructure Asset creation under the ambitious project of Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I in accordance with its financing plan.

During the same period, recovery of capital investment by way of user fee collection and monetization of NHs have also increased from Rs. 4,770 crore in 2013-14 to about Rs. 41,300 cr in 2022-23. This is further projected to increase to about Rs. 1,25,000 crore in 2028-29 post completion of Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I.

- (c) Details of interest paid on debt by NHAI since 2013-14 are as under: -

Amount in Rs. Crore		
Sl. No.	FY	Interest Amount
1	2013-14	1,375.03
2	2014-15	1,780.03
3	2015-16	2,168.25
4	2016-17	3,251.73
5	2017-18	5,545.00
6	2018-19	10,121.55
7	2019-20	13,782.00
8	2020-21	18,839.67
9	2021-22	23,860.72
10	2022-23	24,866.93
