

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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EXPANSION OF INDIA'S ROAD NETWORK

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

- (a) the details of the expansion of India's road network over the past five years, focusing on its length and global ranking; and
- (b) how this growth influence the country's infrastructure and economy?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) As per the last available report, Road network in India has increased from about 54,02,486 km in March, 2014 to about 63,31,791 km in March, 2019, which is the second largest in the world.

The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). NH network in the country has increased from about 1,26,350 km in March, 2018 to about 1,46,145 km at present.

Ministry has laid focus on development of High-Speed Access Controlled Corridors and 4 Lane Road network in order to contribute towards development of economy through improved logistics efficiency. Length of 4 Lane plus NH network including High Speed Corridors has increased from about 27,935 km in March, 2018 to about 46,179 km so far. Project implementation has already been started on 21 green field access-controlled corridors including expressways in which work in about 3,336 km length has been completed.

Ministry has also emphasized on minimizing less than 2 Lane NHs by upgrading these to Minimum 2 Lane / 2 Lane with Paved Shoulder. Accordingly, length of less than 2 Lane NHs has decreased from about 36,808 km in March, 2018 to about 14,870 km so far.

Ministry has identified 35 Multimodal Logistics Parks (MMLPs) for development as part of BMP to improve logistics efficiency to the Indian economy. 15 MMLPs have been prioritized for development under BMP-I.

Ministry has also undertaken green initiatives by planting about 3.46 cr trees since 2016, besides utilizing municipal waste for embankment construction, waste plastics in Bituminous construction and waste slag in Cement Concrete Construction towards carbon neutrality and sustainable development.

Capital expenditure incurred by Ministry has been significantly increased from about Rs. 1,17,000 Crore in 2017-18 to more than Rs. 2,40,000 Crore in 2022-23 leading to country's economic boost and early achievement of five trillion dollar economy of the country.
