

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2017
ANSWERED ON – 06/08/2025

CONVERTING STATE HIGHWAYS INTO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

2017 SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

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

- (a) the details of the criteria adopted for converting various State Highways into National Highways in the country;
- (b) the details of State Highways identified for upgradation as National Highways under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) in the country particularly in the State of Rajasthan;
- (c) the number of State Highways upgraded as National Highways under NHDP so far in the country, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the current status of such pending projects in the country particularly in the State of Rajasthan and the details of completion target of these pending projects, project-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) State roads, including State Highways (SHs), are declared as National Highways (NHs) from time to time on the basis of well-established broad principles, including: -
 - i. Connecting adjacent countries, National Capital with State Capitals / one State Capital to another State Capital, major ports and ports identified for development by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, large industrial centers or tourist centers.
 - ii. Roads having important strategic requirements.
 - iii. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth.
 - iv. Roads which help in opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly region.
 - v. Synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP).

(b) and (c) The Government receives proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs), including from the State of Rajasthan, from time to time, for declaration / upgradation of State roads, including SHs and also for development of new roads under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) (subsumed under Bharatmala Pariyojana), as new NHs. Decisions are taken based on the broad principles of declaration of NHs, requirement of connectivity, traffic density, inter-se priority and synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP).

State / UT – wise details of State Roads, including SHs and greenfield stretches, notified as NHs in the country, including the State of Rajasthan, during the last five years and current year are at Annexure.

(d) At present, 1,240 NHs projects in 29,406 km length costing Rs.7.80 Lakh Crore are under construction in the country, out of which 15,674 km length is completed. These projects are under various stages of construction with completion in a phased manner by Financial Year 2028-29.

39 NHs projects in 785 km length costing Rs. 13,688 Crore are under construction in the State of Rajasthan, out of which 399 km length is completed. These projects are under various stages of construction with completion in a phased manner by FY 2026-27.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) AND (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2017 ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025 ASKED BY SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT REGARDING CONVERTING STATE HIGHWAYS INTO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

State / UT – wise details of State Roads, including SHs and greenfield stretches, notified as NHs in the country, including the State of Rajasthan, during the last five years and current year: -

Sr. No.	State / UT	Length in Km					
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Andhra Pradesh	846	447	481	0	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	1,748	82	0	0
3	Assam	97	71	0	0	0	0
4	Bihar	413	169	0	162	24	0
5	Chhattisgarh	15	0	0	0	0	0
6	Goa	6	0	0	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	844	141	0	214	12	0
8	Haryana	71	23	132	0	-44	0
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	55	124	59	0	0
10	Jharkhand	26	37	0	203	0	0
11	Karnataka	77	229	461	69	0	0
12	Kerala	0	0	76	0	0	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	178	121	93	0	113	46
14	Maharashtra	265	122	142	-13	16	0
15	Manipur	90	0	0	0	0	0
16	Mizoram	0	0	76	0	0	0
17	Nagaland	0	123	0	0	0	0
18	Odisha	136	0	0	0	0	0
19	Punjab	775	140	0	0	24	0
20	Rajasthan	8	127	230	0	27	0
21	Sikkim	246	0	0	0	0	21
22	Tamil Nadu	117	0	142	0	0	0
23	Tripura	0	0	35	0	0	0
24	Telangana	469	661	0	0	0	0
25	Uttarakhand	463	240	0	0	0	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	94	414	54	-129	-19	0
27	West Bengal	0	9	0	235	0	0

Note: Negative figures on account of realignment / construction of bypasses / length de-notified etc.
