

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2021  
ANSWERED ON – 06/08/2025

**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HIGHWAYS IN THE COUNTRY**

**2021. SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM:**

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

- (a) the number of new highways that have been proposed to be built in the country over the next five years;
- (b) whether there are any highways proposed to be built in the State of West Bengal; and
- (c) if so, the details of those highways and the estimated cost of each highway?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The Government in Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. Works on notified NHs, including capacity augmentation to four / six / eight lane standards, are accordingly taken up based on the traffic density, connectivity requirement, condition of the road, inter-se priority and synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP). During the current Financial Year 2025-26, Government has prepared the Annual Plan for development projects in about 19,555 km length of NHs, including about 548 km in the State of West Bengal.

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