

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2044
ANSWERED ON – 06/08/2025

NEW HIGHWAY FROM CHAMBA TO LEH

2044. SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering the construction of a new National Highway from Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh, via Tissa and Killard (Pangi), up to Leh;
- (b) if so, the priority accorded to the proposed highway, its estimated length, cost and likely timeline for completion; and
- (c) whether, in view of strategic importance of this route, Government plans to develop it as an 'all-weather road', and if so, the relevant details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The Government in the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Chamba to Leh road via Tissa and Killard (Pangi) is not a National Highway.

The Government receives proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs), including from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, from time to time, for declaration / upgradation of State Roads, including State Highways (SHs), as new NHs. Decisions are taken to notify State Roads as NHs from time to time based on the broad principles of declaration of NHs, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP).
