

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
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NEW NHS

2285. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that a large number of National Highways have been announced/sanctioned by the Government since 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that work could not be started since then in some of States though the Government has sanctioned funds for such roads, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the present status in case of Himachal Pradesh where funds were sent to prepare DPRs of such roads?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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(a) and (b) The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads as new National Highways (NHs) from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

The total length of NHs as on 31.03.2014 was about 91,287 km; this has been enhanced to about 1,22,432 km since then. Apart from this, the Ministry has approved "In-Principle" about 55,233 km length of State roads as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The works on NHs, are, accordingly, taken up depending upon inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds.

The Ministry had taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non-Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors and Feeder Routes along with integration with Sagarmala, etc., under "Bharatmala Pariyojana". Under this proposal, the Ministry has identified stretches for development of about 26,200 km length of Economic Corridors, 8,000 km of Inter Corridors, 7,500 km of Feeder Routes, 5,300 km Border and International connectivity roads, 4,100 km Coastal and Port connectivity roads, 1,900 km Expressways, National Corridor Efficiency improvement by development of ring roads around 28 cities, decongestion of about 125 choke points and 66 congestion points, development of 35 nos. of Multimodal Logistics Parks.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal for investment approval for Phase-I of “Bharatmala Pariyojana” during its meeting held on 24.10.2017. “Bharatmala Pariyojana” Phase-I includes development of about 9,000 km length of Economic corridors, about 6,000 km length of Inter-corridor and feeder roads, about 5,000 km length of National Corridors Efficiency improvements, about 2,000 km length of Border and International connectivity roads, about 2,000 km length of Coastal and port connectivity roads, about 800 km length of Expressways and balance length of about 10,000 km of roads under NHDP. The programme is targeted for completion in 2021-2022.

(c) Declaration of appointed dates have not been made so far for about 104 numbers of sanctioned and awarded projects having total length of about 3,497 km.

(d) The Status of preparation of DPRs/ Final Feasibility Reports (FFRs) in the State of Himachal Pradesh is as follows:-

Category	National Highways (NHs)			NHs Approved In-Principle		
	DPR/ FFR to be prepared	DPR/ FFR awarded	DPR/ FFR Finalized	DPR/ FFR to be prepared	DPR/ FFR awarded	DPR/ FFR Finalized
Length (km)	1,296	976	774	4,057	3,076	--
