

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2679
ANSWARED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2018

PROPOSAL TO CONNECT REMOTE AND UNDEVELOPED AREAS

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SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has any proposal to connect remote & undeveloped areas by National/State Highways to ensure speedy growth of the sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether there is any such proposal for undeveloped areas in the periphery of Rajasthan and Maharashtra State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs).

The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads as new 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 1,29,709 km since then. Apart from this, the Ministry has approved "In-Principle" about 51,940 km length of State roads as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

The Government has identified 115 numbers of aspirational districts and taken initiatives for finalisation of Action Plan for development of facilities/ infrastructure related with Health and Nutrition, Education, Basic Infrastructure, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development, etc.

Accordingly, the Ministry has prepared Action Plan to provide NH/ road connectivity to all the 115 identified aspirational districts by 2021-22, involving total road length of about 15,451 km costing about Rs.1,11,712 crore. Out of this, so far about 4,350 km length of roads have been developed.

(d) The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The works on NHs, including those in the remote and undeveloped areas, are, accordingly, taken up depending upon inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds. The details of such projects taken up in the States of Rajasthan and Maharashtra, are **annexed**.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2679 ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018 ASKED BY SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA, SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI AND SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS REGARDING PROPOSAL TO CONNECT REMOTE AND UNDEVELOPED AREAS

The details of projects taken up in the States of Rajasthan and Maharashtra for providing NH/ Road connectivity for identified Aspirational Districts.

Sr. No.	State	District	Length (km)
Works taken-up upto 2013-14			
1.	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	49.51
2.	Maharashtra	Osmanabad	190.20
	Sub-total		239.71
3.	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	131.41
4.	Rajasthan	Karauli	100.90
5.	Rajasthan	Sirohi	244.12
	Sub-total		476.43
Works taken-up during 2014-15 to 2017-18			
6.	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	429.34
7.	Maharashtra	Nandurbar	88.35
8.	Maharashtra	Osmanabad	107.25
9.	Maharashtra	Washim	231.95
	Sub-total		856.89
10.	Rajasthan	Baran	21.70
11.	Rajasthan	Dholpur	75.01
12.	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	238.05
	Sub-total		334.76
	Total		1,907.79
