

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 869
ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2019

CONVERSION OF ROADS INTO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

869. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing policy of the Government to declare a stretch of Road as National Highway in each year since 2014-15;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals for declaring (i) Bhadrak-Ananadpur-Thakurmunda-Karanjia-Singada, (ii) Shergarh-Nilgiri-Kaptipada-Baripada, (iii) Rairangpur-Bisoi-Bangiriposi-Kalabadia, (iv) Jashipur-Champua as National Highways and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) when were these proposals received; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to declare each of these stretches as National Highways?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads as new National Highways (NHs) from time to time based on requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

The declaration of State roads as new NHs are considered based on well established principles; the criteria for State roads for declaration as new NHs include roads running through length / breadth of the country, connecting adjacent countries, National Capitals with State Capitals / mutually the State Capitals, major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers, roads meeting very important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated area, arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby, roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions (other than strategically important ones), achieving a National Highways grid of 100 km, etc.

State Government has submitted the proposal for declaring the state road stretches connecting (i) Bhadrak-Ananadpur-Thakurmunda-Karanjia-Singada, (ii) Shergarh-Nilgiri-Kaptipada-Baripada-West Bengal Border, (iii) Rairangpur-Bisoi-Bangiriposi-Kalabadia and (iv) Jashipur-Champua as NHs vide letter dated 04.01.2019. Out of the above, road stretch between Bisoi-Bangiriposi is part of National Highway-49. Further, stretch of Ananadpur-Thakurmunda and Kaptipada-Baripada was approved "In-Principle" as new NH subject to outcome of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) on 04.06.2015.
