

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA  
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CONSTRUCTION OF MULTILANE ROADS

1009. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is seriously considering to construct multilane roads in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The total length of National Highways (NHs) is about 1,32,500 km at present. The Lane-wise distribution of NHs as on 31.03.2019 is as under:

Sr. No.	Lane configuration of NHs	Approx. Length (km)
1.	Less than 2-Lane NH standards	36,310
2.	2-Lane NH standards	65,123
3.	4-Lane or more NH standards	31,067

The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process. The works on NHs are accordingly taken up from time to time as per inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The Ministry took up development of NHs/ roads under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads, Special Programme for Development of Roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, Externally Aided Projects (EAP), National Highways (Original) [NH(O)] scheme, etc. Various phases of NHDP envisaged development of NHs to 4/6 lane and 2 lane NH standards, development of expressways, etc. Development of most of the roads/ NHs under other schemes envisages their upgradation to 2 lane NH standards.

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 òBharatmala Pariyojanaö.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal for investment approval for Phase-I of òBharatmala Pariyojanaö during its meeting held on 24.10.2017. òBharatmala Pariyojanaö PhaseóI 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 general principle for upgradation of roads under Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana includes development of Economic corridors primarily to 4/6 lane NH standards, Inter-corridor and feeder roads primarily to 4 lane NH standards and Border, International connectivity roads, Coastal and port connectivity roads primarily to 2 lane NH standards.

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