CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR-LANE HIGHWAYS

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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be pleased to state:
(a) whether majority of the existing National Highways are two-lane and the same are
being expanded to four-lane and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has any proposal to construct four-lane roads in Perambalur,
Thuraiyur, Musiri Kulithalai, Thokaimalai and Manapparai in Tamil Nadu;
(c) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
(d) whether the Government has received any proposal to convert Thiruchengode to
Sangagiri State Highway into National Highways and construct four-lane road on the
same highway; and
(e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari)

(a) At present, the total length of the National Highways in the country is about 1,32,500 km.
The lane-wise distribution is as under:

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<th>Single Lane / Intermediate Lane</th>
<th>2-Lane</th>
<th>4-Lane</th>
<th>6/8 Lane</th>
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<td>36,310</td>
<td>65,123</td>
<td>28,412</td>
<td>2,655</td>
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The 4-laning works on NHs are taken up depending upon inter-se priority, traffic density
and availability of funds.

(b) & (c) The details of National Highway Projects envisaged for construction in Perambalur,
Thuraiyur and Musiri Kulithalai in Tamil Nadu are mentioned below:

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<th>Sr. no.</th>
<th>Project stretch</th>
<th>Approx. Length (km)</th>
<th>Present Status</th>
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<td>I</td>
<td>4-laning of Thanjavur - Thiruvaiyar - Perambalur - Krishnapuram - Athoor section of NH-136</td>
<td>126.00</td>
<td>The work for engagement of consultant for preparation of detailed project report initiated.</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>4-laning of Musri - Namakkal section of NH-381B</td>
<td>43.70</td>
<td>The work for detailed project report initiated.</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>4-laning of Trichy - Karur section of NH-83 (Old NH-67)</td>
<td>70.15</td>
<td>The work for detailed project report initiated.</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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<td>239.85</td>
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Manapparai is connected through Trichy-Dindigul section of NH-45 (new NH-83), which is already 4-laned. The Thokaimalai-Manapparai road is not a National Highway.

(d) & (e) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways receives proposals for declaration of various State Roads/Highways as new National Highways (NHs) from various States/Union Territories (UTs) including the State Government of Tamil Nadu. The Ministry declares State Roads/Highways as new NHs from time to time keeping in view the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds. About 1,843 km of State Roads have been declared as National Highways during April 2014 to March 2019 in the state of Tamil Nadu.