

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1474
ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2022**

EXPENDITURE ON ROADS

1474. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public expenditure on roads has increased 4.5 times and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that with the said increase on spending on roads, the total road length in the country has also increased by 17 per cent from 54.02 lakh to 63.31 lakh kilometers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is aware that the pace of construction of State highways has declined in comparison to the pace of construction of National Highways and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Funds released / expenditure incurred by the Ministry has increased from Rs. 32,702 Crores in 2014-15 to Rs. 2,09,312 Crores in 2021-22; these include expenditure met from funds raised through monetization of NHs including Project based financing and Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR).

The total NHs length in the country has increased from about 91,287 km in 2014 to about 1,44,634 km at present. Total road length in the country increased from about 54,72,144 km in 2014-15 to about 63,31,757 km in 2018-19.

About 10,457 km length of NHs were constructed during 2021-22 as against 4,410 km length of NHs constructed during 2014-15.

Development and maintenance of State Highways (SHs) are the responsibility of the State Governments.
