

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 190
ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2023**

CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS

190. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Petlavad to Ratlam road is under consideration to be declared as National Highway;**
- (b) if so, the time by which this proposal is likely to be sanctioned and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the proposal of four lane road connecting Ratlam with eight lane expressway is pending and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the time by which the proposal of eight lane road to connect Jhabua with eight lane expressway is likely to be sanctioned?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) State roads, including State Highways (SHs), are declared as new National Highways (NHs) from time to time on the basis of well established principles. The criteria for State roads for declaration as new NHs may include some of the following: -

- i. Roads running through length / breadth of the country.**
- ii. Connecting adjacent countries, National Capitals with State Capitals / mutually the State Capitals, major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers.**
- iii. Roads having important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated area.**
- iv. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth.**
- v. Roads which help in opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly region.**
- vi. Roads contributing towards achievement of National Highways grid of 100 km.**
- vii. Synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP).**

At present there is no proposal for declaration of Petlavad to Ratlam road as NH.

(c) & (d) The existing State Highways (SHs) connects Ratlam and Jhabua with 8- lane Delhi-Vadodara Expressway. As informed by Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Ltd. (MPRDC) Request for Proposal (RFP) for engagement of consultants for preparation of Feasibility Report /Detailed Project Report (DPR) for 4 -laning with paved shoulder of existing SHs have been invited.
