

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2409  
ANSWERED ON 03<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**UPGRADATION TO NH**

**2409. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

**(a) the details of roads declared as 'in-principle' highways during the last five years, State-wise; and**

**(b) whether the Government has received any petition from public representative for expeditation of road construction from Junction of NH-183 near Vijayapuram to Junction of NH-85 near Oonnukkal and development of existing NH-85 as 24 metres wide and having four lanes till Munnar and if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) State / Union Territory (UT) – wise details of State Roads approved “In-Principle” as National Highways (NHs) during the last five years are as under:-**

Sl. No.	State /UT	Length in Km				
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Uttar Pradesh	2,376 <sup>A</sup>	0	0	0	0
2	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	46	0	0	0	0
- NIL “In Principle” Approved NHs for remaining States/ UTs during the above period.						

Sl. No.	State /UT	Length in Km				
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
^ Consent was withdrawn by State Government of Uttar Pradesh for 2,376 km vide Letters dt 11.07.2019 & 04.06.2020.						

**(b) The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments / UTs, including from the State Government of Kerala, for declaration / upgradation of State Roads, including State Highways (SHs), as new NHs. The Ministry considers declaration of some State Roads, including SHs, as NHs from time to time based on the fulfillment of the criteria for declaration of NHs, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.**

**The road from Junction of NH-183 near Vijayapuram to Junction of NH-85 near Oonnukkal in the State of Kerala has not been notified as NH. Development and maintenance of such State road is the responsibility of the State Government of Kerala.**

**Work for development of 124.63 km length of stretch on NH-85 from Kochi to Munnar to Two Lane / Two Lane with Paved Shoulders standards amounting to Rs. 910.60 Crore has commenced on 26.06.2023 with scheduled completion in June, 2025.**

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