

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1925
ANSWERED ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2020**

UPGRADATION OF SHS to NHS

1925. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria being followed for upgrading State Highways (SHs) to National Highways (NHs) in the country;**
- (b) the details of the SHs declared as NHs in Jharkhand since 2014 till date; and**
- (c) the details of the repairing/maintenance projects of NHs in Jharkhand completed during the last five years along with those pending as on date?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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(a) The existing criteria for declaration of State roads including State Highways (SHs) as new National Highways (NHs) include roads running through length / breadth of the country, connecting adjacent countries, National Capitals with State Capitals / mutually the State Capitals, major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers, roads meeting very important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated area, arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby, roads which help opening up large tracts of

backward area and hilly regions (other than strategically important ones), achieving a National Highways grid of 100 km, etc.

(b) 9 no. of State Roads including SHs of about 693 km have been notified as NHs since 2014 in the State of Jharkhand.

(c) The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The works on NHs are accordingly taken up depending upon inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds to keep the NHs in traffic worthy condition.

Periodical Renewal (PR) / Improvement of Riding Quality (IRQP) works in about 394 km have been completed in the state of Jharkhand during last five years from 2015-16 to 2019-20. 4 works of 49.42 km are at tender stage.

Rs.336.37 crore have been allocated and expenditure of Rs. 312.76 crore has been incurred for maintenance and repair for the NHs entrusted with the State Government of Jharkhand during last 5 years.
