

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 664
ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2021**

UPGRADATION OF NHS TO GLOBAL STANDARDS

664. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and present status of National Highways in the country upgraded/proposed to be upgraded to global standards;**
- (b) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the upgradation of proposed NHs along with the resources for meeting the said expenditure;**
- (c) whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the State Governments thereto; and**
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen the road infrastructure in the country?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) Out of total 1,39,032 km, about 37,058 km National Highways have 4/6 lane infrastructure.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) had approved the proposal for investment approval for Phase-I of “Bharatmala Pariyojana” on 24.10.2017 for an amount of Rs. 5,35,000 crores. Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I includes development of about

24,800 km NH network such as Economic corridors, Inter-corridor & feeder roads, National Corridors Efficiency Improvements, Border and International Connectivity roads, Coastal and Port Connectivity roads, Expressways as well as 10,000 km of roads under balance NHDP. The general principle for upgradation of roads under Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana includes development of Economic corridors primarily to 4/6 lane NH standards, Inter-corridor and feeder roads primarily to 4 lane NH standards and Border, International connectivity roads, Coastal and port connectivity roads primarily to 2 lane NH standards.

Till now, projects comprising length of 17,000 kms have been awarded for an amount of Rs. 4,74,400 crores under Bharatmala Pariyojana. In Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I, Expressways comprising length of 2,373 km with an amount Rs. 1,43,970 crores have been planned.

Once Bharatmala Pariyojana is implemented, it is envisaged that the National Highway network of length ~70,000+ km (~50% of National Highway Network) will have a consistent 4-lane and above infrastructure.

(c) & (d) Prior to obtaining investment decision, State Governments were consulted and their inputs were well taken before finalizing the overall program. Alignment of the projects has been finalised in consultation with the respective State Governments.

(e) The Ministry has also taken up development of NHs/ roads under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads, Special Programme for Development of Roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, Externally Aided Projects (EAP), National Highways (Original) [NH (O)] scheme.
