

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 792
ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2021**

WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

792. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of proposals under consideration to convert four-lane National Highways (NHs) into six-lane NHs across the country, State-wise including Bundelkhand region;**
- (b) whether number of accidents have been increasing continuously on these NHs due to lack of road widening; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) About 3,400 Km National Highways (NHs) length has already been upgraded to 6-lane or higher configuration. Up-gradation of NHs to 6-lane or higher configuration in length of about 6,250 km is under implementation. In addition, projects in a length of about 1,870 km have been planned for upgradation from 4-lane to 6-lane or higher configuration in the entire country.**

(b) & (c) Road Accidents occur due to multiple causes such as over speeding, drunken driving/consumption of alcohol, driving on wrong side/lane indiscipline, fault of the driver of motor vehicle, use of mobile phones during driving, mechanical defect/fault of the vehicle, defect in road condition, weather condition and lack of knowledge on road signage, etc.

As per the data received from police department of all States/UTs, the total number of road accidents on National Highways, due to various reasons cited above, across the country during the last three calendar years 2017 to 2019 is shown in the table given below:

Year	Road Accidents on National Highways (including expressway)
2017	1,41,466
2018	1,40,843
2019	1,37,191
