

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 406  
ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**EXPANSION AND UPGRADATION OF HIGHWAYS**

**\*406. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

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

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take up the remaining one hundred kilometres stretch of National Highway (NH)-16 from Narasannapeta to Ichapuram in Srikakulam for expansion into six lanes;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the State Highways (SHs) being considered to be converted into NHs in the State of Andhra Pradesh;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to convert SHs from Kalingapatnam-Srikakulam- Parvathipuram to Rayagada, from Gara-Alikam-Bathili Road to Gunupur and from Narasannapeta-Polaki-Nowpada-Pundi to Parlakhemundi in the State of Odisha into NH; and**
- (e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 406 ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2022 ASKED BY SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU REGARDING 'EXPANSION AND UPGRADATION OF HIGHWAYS'**

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**(a) & (b) The existing stretch from Icchapuram (Km 484.000) to Narasannapeta (Km 580.700) is 4-lane. The stretch was also augmented by providing 16 Flyovers / Underpasses as per site requirement. At present, the stretch is with TOT Concessionaire. In the TOT Concession Agreement, there is a provision of Capacity Augmentation of the project highway by the Authority in case the average daily traffic in any Accounting Year exceeds the designed capacity of 40,000 PCU (Target Traffic) for Project Highway and continues to exceed the designed capacity for three consecutive Accounting Years following thereafter.**

**The average traffic at Two Toll Plazas i.e. at Laxmipuram Toll Plaza is 19,324 PCU and at Madapam Toll Plaza is 29,240 PCU and the Average is 24,823 PCU.**

**(c) to (e) The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs) etc., including from the States of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, for declaration / upgradation of State roads, including State Highways (SHs), as new National Highways (NHs). The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads, including SHs, as NHs from time to time based on the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.**

**About 49,339 km of State Roads including SHs have been notified as NHs since 2014-15 till date, which includes about 3,970 km and 1,234 km of such roads in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha respectively.**

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