

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3458
ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2022**

ROAD PROJECTS UNDER PM GATI SHAKTI-NMP

3458. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed and ongoing road projects in the hilly regions under PM Gati Shakti-NMP, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the loss to GDP and human development due to lack of high quality roads in the hilly regions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to create a separate program and funds to connect remote hilly regions like Idukki for commercial purposes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) In October, 2021, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal for development of 'PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP)' for providing multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various Economic Zones of the Country. The PM GatiShakti NMP will

depict the economic zones and the infrastructure linkages required to support them with an objective to holistically integrate all the multimodal connectivity projects and remove missing gaps for seamless movement of people, goods & services.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has planned to augment the NH network to 2,00,000 Km by 2022-23 by connecting all State capitals in the North Eastern region with either 4 lane national highways or 2 alternate alignments of 2 lane configuration each and completing 4/6 lane NH covering length of 5,590 km along coastal areas.

The details of Economic Corridor, National Corridor & Expressways envisaged under Bharatmala Pariyojana are as follows:

Sl. No.	Type of Corridor	Number	Length (in Km)
1	National Corridor	27	14270
2	Economic Corridor	38	20769
3	Expressways	7	2398
4	Greenfield Corridor	18	5310
5	National Corridor in North East Region (NER)	1	25
6	Economic Corridor in NER	56	3211.02

(b) to (c) A study named ‘Logistics Efficiency Enhancement Program (LEEP)’ has been conducted with an aim to enhance the economic growth of the country by making the logistics sector more efficient, seamless, and integrated. It also aims to drive down logistics costs as a share of GDP.

(d) to (e) Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-1 provides for 4 laning of Kochi-Munnar-Theni section of NH-85, which passes through Idukki, with the primary focus on optimizing the efficiency of the movement of the goods and people.
