

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 148
ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2024**

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

***148. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the total number of National Highways (NHs) in Himachal Pradesh and their operational status thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has given in-principle approval for construction of new NHs in Himachal Pradesh during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the progress made in this regard and the time by which the said works are likely to be started;**
- (d) the details of the number of the proposed highways along with their length; and**
- (e) the details of the estimated expenditure incurred on these projects and the time by which these are likely to be completed?**

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. 148 ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2024 ASKED BY SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP REGARDING NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

(a) There are 19 National Highways (NHs) having total length of 2,607 km in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. Works on NHs including the NHs in the state of Himachal Pradesh are accordingly taken up as per inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds to keep the NHs in traffic worthy condition.

(b) No, Sir.

The Government keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments/Union Territories (UTs), including from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for declaration/upgradation of State roads as new NHs. The Government considers declaration of some State roads as NHs from time to time based on the fulfillment of the criteria for declaration of NHs, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of resources. The length of NHs in the state of Himachal Pradesh has been increased from about 2196 Km in 2014 to 2607 Km at present.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.
