

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2783
ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024**

UPGRADATION OF SH 69 AS NH

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for upgrading a State Highway (SH) to a National Highway (NH) and the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the State Highway-69 to a National Highway, if so, the time by which the same would be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) State roads, including State Highways (SHs), are declared as National Highways (NHs) from time to time on the basis of well established broad principles, including: -

- i. Connecting adjacent countries, National Capitals with State Capitals / mutually the State Capitals, major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers.**
- ii. Roads having important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated area.**
- iii. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth.**
- iv. Roads which help in opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly region.**

- v. **Roads contributing towards achievement of National Highways grid of 100 km.**
- vi. **Synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP).**

(b) The Government receives proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs), including from the State Government of Bihar, from time to time, for declaration / upgradation of State roads, including SHs, as NHs. Decisions are taken based on the fulfillment of the broad principles for declaration of NHs, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds. At present, declaration of SH-69 in the State of Bihar as NH is not under consideration.

Total length of NHs in Bihar at present is about 6,132 km. About 1,579 km length of State roads, including SHs, has been notified as NHs in the State of Bihar since April, 2014.
