

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3969
ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2024**

UPGRADING STATE HIGHWAYS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

†3969. SHRI AMRA RAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to declare Kotputli, Sikar, Khud, Didwana, Nagore State highway as National Highway and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the criteria for declaring National Highway;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to convert above mentioned National Highway of Sikar bypass into four lane; and**
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be converted and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) The Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the Country.

The Government keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs), including from the State Government of Rajasthan, for declaration / upgradation of State roads including State Highways (SHs), as NHs. The Government considers

declaration of some of the State roads, including SHs, as NHs from time to time based on the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

State roads, including SHs are declared as NHs from time to time on the basis of broad principles, amongst which are as follows: -

- i. Roads across the country.**
- ii. Connecting adjacent countries, National Capitals with State Capitals / mutually the State Capitals, major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers.**
- iii. Roads having important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated areas.**
- iv. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth.**
- v. Roads which help in opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly region.**
- vi. Roads contributing towards achievement of National Highways grid of 100 km.**
- vii. Synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP).**

(c) and (d) Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. Various works on NHs including construction of bypasses are taken up depending upon traffic density, requirement of connectivity and inter-se priority. The proposal for four-laning of the Sikar Bypass on NH-52, is at DPR preparation stage.
