

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4122
ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2024
BUILDING NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

4122. SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether accidents have increased due to increasing transportation on National Highways in the country and whether Government has any plan to widen the national highways and build new highways to prevent this;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to propose new National Highways to Pendri, Maharashtra via village Kevti-Pankhajpur PV 18 in Kanker Parliamentary Constituency?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) The Government in Ministry of Road Transport and Highways publishes annual report on “Road Accidents in India” based on data received from States/ UTs. As per the report for the year 2022, total number of road accidents on the National Highways (NHs) including National Expressways from year 2018 to 2022 is given in the table below :-

Year	No. of Road Accidents
2018	1,44,221
2019	1,41,057
2020*	1,19,615
2021*	1,28,825
2022	1,51,997

*** - Covid affected year**

Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process. Works on NHs, including their capacity augmentation to four/

six /eight lane NHs standards, are taken up based on the traffic density, condition of the roads, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration with the Central Government in Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
