

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1443
ANSWERED ON 13th FEBRUARY, 2025**

FUNDS FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN CHHATTISGARH

1443. SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has sought central assistance for the improvement, widening and strengthening of highways and has submitted any proposal to attract the attention of the Union Government, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;

(b) whether the road density of National Highways in Chhattisgarh is at par with the national average and whether the construction has been carried out as per the prescribed standards, if so, the length of single-lane, two-lane, and four-lane National Highways in the State;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide a financial package to the State for the improvement of the highway network, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any references/representations have been received from public representatives regarding the condition of highways, if so, the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Government in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). During current financial year, an Annual Plan of Rs.3324 crore has been finalised for the State of Chattisgarh. The State Government has submitted 16 nos. of proposals for development of NHs having aggregate length of 141 km at a cost of Rs.1354 Crore for approval. Government has sanctioned 5 nos. of proposals having aggregate length of 30.3 km at a cost of Rs.365.293 crore and remaining proposals are under examination.

(b) Density of National Highways in terms of geographical area is 26.78 km per 1000 sq km area for Chhattisgarh State vis-à-vis 44.47 km per 1000 sq km area for entire country. All construction works on NHs are carried out as per the prescribed standards. Widening and improvement of NHs are carried out as per traffic requirements, inter-se-priority and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. The details of lane-wise length of National Highways are as below:

Lane Configuration	Less than Two Lane	Two Lane	Two Lane with paved shoulder	Four Lane	Greater than Four lane	Total Length
Length in Km	249.00	853.84	1282.56	1129.44	92.75	3607.59

(c) There is no requirement to provide separate central financial package to the State Government for the improvement of National Highways, as the National Highways are the responsibility of the Union Government.

(d) Yes, many references/representations have been received from public representatives regarding the condition of highway. These concerns are being duly examined and addressed by the implementing agencies in accordance with established procedures, rules, and guidelines. Necessary actions are being taken to ensure the maintenance and upkeep of National Highways, and to provide a safe and smooth travel experience for all users.
