

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2309
ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2025**

CONVERSION OF SHS TO NHS

2309. SHRI ROBERT BRUCE C:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted for conversion/upgradation of various State Highways (SHs) into National Highways (NHs) in the country;**
- (b) the details of SHs identified for upgradation into NHs in the country under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP);**
- (c) the number of SHs upgraded into NHs under NHDP so far in the country, State-wise;**
- (d) the present status of such pending projects in the country, along with the time by which these pending projects are likely to be completed, project-wise; and**
- (e) the present status of such pending projects in Tirunelveli district along with the time by which these pending projects are likely to be completed, project-wise?**

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) and (c) The Government receives proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs) from time to time for declaration / upgradation of State roads, including SHs and also for development of new roads including National Highways Development Project (NHDP) (subsumed under Bharatmala Pariyojana), as new NHs. Decisions are taken based on the broad principles of declaration of NHs, requirement of connectivity, traffic density, inter-se priority and synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.

State / UT – wise details of State Roads, including SHs and greenfield stretches, notified as NHs during the last five years are at Annexure.

(d) Works on notified NHs, including capacity augmentation under various schemes (including Bharatmala Pariyojana), are taken up based on the traffic density, condition of the road, inter-se priority and availability of funds. At present, 1,310 NHs projects in 31,187 km length costing Rs. 8.11 Lakh Crore are under construction in the country, out of which 17,104 km length is completed. These projects are under various stages of construction with likely completion in a phased manner by FY 2028-29.

(e) 56 NHs projects in 984 km length costing Rs. 36,490 Crore are under construction in the State of Tamil Nadu, including Tirunelveli district, out of which 549 km length is completed. These projects are under various stages of construction with likely completion in a phased manner by FY 2026-27.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2309 ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025 ASKED BY SHRI ROBERT BRUCE C REGARDING CONVERSION OF SHS TO NHS**

State / UT – wise details of State Roads, including SHs and greenfield stretches, notified as NHs during the last five years: -

Sr. No.	State / UT	Length in Km				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	846	447	481	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	1,748	82
3	Assam	0	97	71	0	0
4	Bihar	0	413	169	0	162
5	Chhattisgarh	0	15	0	0	0
6	Goa	0	6	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	265	844	141	0	214
8	Haryana	0	71	23	132	0
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	55	124	59
10	Jharkhand	0	26	37	0	203
11	Karnataka	0	77	229	461	69
12	Kerala	0	0	0	76	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	0	178	121	93	0
14	Maharashtra	174	265	122	142	-13
15	Manipur	0	90	0	0	0
16	Mizoram	0	0	0	76	0
17	Nagaland	0	0	123	0	0
18	Odisha	0	136	0	0	0
19	Punjab	50	775	140	0	0
20	Rajasthan	0	8	127	230	0
21	Sikkim	0	246	0	0	0
22	Tamil Nadu	0	117	0	142	0

						Length in Km
Sr. No.	State / UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
23	Tripura	0	0	0	35	0
24	Telangana	0	469	661	0	0
25	Uttarakhand	0	463	240	0	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	0	94	414	54	-129
27	West Bengal	0	0	9	0	235
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	6	0	0	0	0
Note: Negative figures on account of realignment / construction of bypasses / length de-notified etc.						
