

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *222**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH AUGUST, 2025/ SRAVANA 14, 1947 (SAKA)

ROAD CONNECTIVITY IN UT OF LADAKH

**†*222. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:
DR. BHOLA SINGH:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether road connectivity has improved/expanded after the reorganisation of the Union Territory of Ladakh;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure connectivity of remote areas with the headquarters during winter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with impact of the same on the development of tourism sector?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

POSITION No.02

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *222 FOR 5th AUGUST 2025 BY SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI AND DR. BHOLA SINGH REGARDING ROAD CONNECTIVITY IN UT OF LADAKH

(a): There has been significant improvement in road connectivity in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh after its reorganization. As per the information provided by the UT of Ladakh, under various schemes of the Central Government including Central Road Infrastructure Fund (CRIF), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and schemes of the UT of Ladakh, approximately 1,670 kilometers of additional road has been constructed/black topped/metalled by the UT administration after formation of the UT of Ladakh in 2019.

(b): To ensure connectivity of remote areas with the headquarters during winter, the UT of Ladakh is now well equipped with snow clearance machineries to ensure that the road connectivity is maintained during heavy snowfalls. Helipads are also constructed at different locations to improve the connectivity.

(c): The improved road connectivity along with various other initiatives taken by the UT administration, has significantly helped in development of the tourism sector. The improved road connectivity has also helped in

reducing travel time, safe and efficient year-round travel, opening up of new tourist locations, boosting the winter tourism and attracting adventure enthusiasts to the region, which in turn, has led to rise in tourist numbers. As per information provided by the UT of Ladakh, a total of 2,79,937 tourists visited the region in 2019, whereas post UT formation, tourism saw a significant increase with 5,31,396 visitors in 2022; 5,25,374 in 2023; and 3,76,386 in 2024.
