

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 750
ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2025**

DECLARING OF ROADS AS NATIONAL HIGHWAY

†750. SHRI AMRA RAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for declaring a road as a National Highway;**
- (b) the reasons for not declaring the Kotputli–Sikar–Khud–Losal–Nagaur road as a National Highway; and**
- (c) whether the Government had earlier given in-principle approval for the said road and if so, the details thereof?**

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) Government receives proposals from various State Governments / UTs, including from the State of Rajasthan, from time to time, for declaration / upgradation of State roads 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 (NMP).

Stretch from Udaipurwati–Sikar–Khud–Losal–Nagaur of Kotputli–Sikar–Khud–Losal–Nagaur road in the State of Rajasthan was approved In-Principle as NH. At present, declaration of Kotputli–Sikar–Khud–Losal–Nagaur road in the State of Rajasthan as NH is not under consideration.
