

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6407  
ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2026**

**DEVELOPMENT OF STATE HIGHWAYS - 4 AND 71 AS NATIONAL  
HIGHWAYS**

**6407. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Bihar regarding the conversion and development of PWD Road Section-1, SH-4, passing through Jehanabad and Gaya districts in Nalanda, into a National Highway;**
- (b) if so, the details of the action taken in respect of the said proposal so far;**
- (c) whether there is any plan to convert and develop Section-2, SH-4 from Islampur to SH-71, Rajgir into a National Highway, keeping in view the historical significance of Nalanda and the continuous influx of pilgrims and tourists; and**
- (d) if so, the timeframe by which the project for the declaration, construction and development of SH-4 Section-1 and Section-2 and SH-71 as National Highways is likely to be approved for the overall development of Nalanda, a city of international importance?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (b) No proposal for conversion and development of the PWD road Section-1 of SH-4, passing through Nalanda, Jehanabad and Gaya districts as a National Highway has been received from the State Government.**

**(c) to (d) No proposal for declaration of the PWD road section-2 of SH-4 & SH-71 from Islampur to Rajgir as a National Highway is under consideration. The Government keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs) including the proposals from the State Government of Bihar for declaration / upgradation of State roads as National Highways (NHs). Government considers declaration of State roads as National Highways from time to time based on the fulfilment of the criteria for declaration of NHs, requirement of connectivity, traffic density and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.**

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