

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1696
ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2024**

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

1696. DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of National Highways (NHs) in Himachal Pradesh and their operational status thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has given in-principle approval for construction of new NHs in Himachal Pradesh during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the progress made in this regard and the time by which the said works are likely to be started;**
- (d) the details of the names of the proposed highways along with their length; and**
- (e) the details of the estimated expenditure incurred on these projects and the time by which these are likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) There are 19 National Highways (NHs) having total length of 2,607 km in the State of Himachal Pradesh and NHs are being maintained in traffic worthy condition. As the National Highways (NHs) in the State**

of Himachal Pradesh substantially pass through mountainous/steep terrain, damages occur to the NHs during monsoon period due to landslides, breaches in bridge approaches, etc. The same are promptly attended to ensure traffic worthiness of NHs.

(b) No, Sir.

Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments/Union Territories (UTs), including from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for declaration/upgradation of State roads as new NHs. The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads as NHs from time to time based on the fulfillment of the criteria for declaration of NHs, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of resources.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.
