

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1190
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
DECLARATION OF AYODHYA SHRAVASTI ROAD AS NATIONAL HIGHWAY
BRUBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy regarding declaring a road as National Highway;
- (b) whether the Government have decided to declare the road on which the late Sh. Rajesh Pilot met with an accident as National Highway; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the road from Ayodhya to Shravasti is likely to be upgraded as National Highway?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) The criteria for declaration of new National Highways is annexed.
- (b)&(c) The unfortunate accident leading to untimely demise of Shri Rajesh Pilot occurred on a road which is already a National Highway. The proposals for declaration of new National Highways are at preliminary stage and therefore, no further details can be given at this stage.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1190 FOR ANSWER ON 31ST JULY, 2000 BY SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH REGARDING DECLARATION OF AYODHYA- SHRAVASTI ROAD AS NATIONAL HIGHWAY.

The criteria for the declaration of State road into National Highway is as under :-

- (i) Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country.
- (ii) Roads connecting adjacent countries.
- (iii) Roads connecting the National Capital with State capital and roads connecting mutually the State capitals.
- (iv) Roads connecting major ports, large industrial centres or tourist centres.
- (v) Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.
- (vi) Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.
- (vii) Roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.
- (viii) National Highway grid of 100 Km is achieved.

NB: Declaration of National Highways is considered based on the requirements of the country as a whole and not particularly with respect to any local requirements.