

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5927
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CONSTRUCTION/WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved a plan for construction/widening and beautification of national highways;
- (b) the total kilometres of roads on which work is likely to be completed during the current year;
- (c) whether a proposal for conversion of some of the roads of the States into express-way has been approved;
- (d) if so, the Names and State-wise details of the highways proposed to be converted;
- (e) whether Ring Roads and Roads over bridges are likely to be constructed in the main cities of the country on BoT basis; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) The Government of India takes up various development works of National Highways including widening and beautification as per approved Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) and Annual Plans and this is a continuous process. The Government has recently approved 4/6-laning of 4000 km of National Highways through Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under Phase-I of NHDP-III.
- (b) There is a programme for widening of the existing National Highways for an aggregate length of 2591 km during 2005-06 subject to the approval of the Budget of 2005-06.
- (c) There is no proposal for conversion of State roads as Expressways.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) & (f) As per the decisions of the Committee on Infrastructure there are proposals of providing Ring Roads in major cities, bypasses, grade separators and service roads on National Highways on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis to facilitate congestion-free travel. The proposal is at conceptual stage.