

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

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some stretches of the National Highways in Rajasthan have been left unconstructed;
- (b) if so, the action being taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) the time by which approval is likely to be given for the construction of the left over stretches;
- (d) whether National Highways in Rajasthan are still of single and intermediate lane;
- (e) if so, the action being taken for broadening and converting them into double lane and the time by which it is likely to be done;
- (f) whether the present thickness of National Highways in Rajasthan is very less than the IRC norms;
- (g) if so, the action being taken to increase the thickness as per IRC norms;
- (h) the time by which it is likely to be done;
- (i) whether more funds are needed than the fund allocated for the periodical renewal and ordinary repair taken; and
- (j) if so, the action being taken to release the balance amount?

**Answer**

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

(a)-(e) There are 18 National Highways (NHs) passing through the State of Rajasthan with a total length of 5656 kilometer (km) out of which 1926 km are less than two lane, 2887 km are two lane and 843 km are four lane. During 9th & 10th Plan 2766 km length of State roads were declared as new NHs. During the last three years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and current year 2005-06 (up to 10/05) development works in the form of widening, strengthening, improvement of riding quality etc amounting to Rs. 303.80 crore covering 1188 km length of NHs (with the state PWD) have been sanctioned. Out of it, works in 1054 km length have been completed and in the balance length works are at various stages of progress. Besides, above periodic renewal works in 992 km length were undertaken, out of it 670 km length have been completed. In addition, 1464 km length of NHs in Rajasthan were selected for 4/6 lane facility under National Highway Development Projects (NHDP). Out of it 744 km length has been developed to 4/6 lane facility, 649 km length is under implementation and in 74 km length the works are to be taken up after the award.

(f)-(h) Most of these new NHs are deficient in many respects such as crust thickness, road geometrics, lane width, weak and narrow bridges etc. as these were originally State roads. Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process which includes strengthening of deficient crust, widening, improvement in riding quality, construction of weak and narrow bridges, construction of bypass etc. traffic volume, condition of roads, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

(i)-(j) Yes, Sir. The funds are generally allocated about 40% of the requirement and based on the available resources the roads are being maintained in traffic worthy condition.