

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

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

- (a) the total Kilometres of National Highways passing through Tamil Nadu converted into four-lane roads, Sector-wise;
- (b) the total Kms. of roads yet to be converted into National Highways and the present status thereof;
- (c) the number of bridges including railway bridges to be constructed on the above stretches; and
- (d) the time by which the above works are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) A total of 514 Kilometres of National Highways passing through Tamil Nadu have been converted into four-lane roads till 31st March 2006;
- (b) The Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted proposals for declaration of 6 roads having a total length of about 565 km as National Highways. The total length of National Highways in the country is about 65,569 km. At present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways to the National Highway standards instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.
- (c) & (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. Construction of bridges including Road Over Bridges (ROBs) on the stretches yet to be converted into National Highways comes under the purview of the State Government.