

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

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CESS COLLECTED ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the cess collected on National Highways in Karnataka during the last two years, i.e. 2004-05 and 2005-06 and the current year till date ;
- (b) the details of the new National Highways and bypasses that were sanctioned in Karnataka during the said period;
- (c) whether there are any proposals regarding National Highways/Bypasses pending for approval and implementation with respect to Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details of such projects and the time by which these are likely to be approved and implemented?

Answer

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

- (a): The cess collected on National Highways(NHs) in Karnataka during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and the current year 2006-07 are Rs.24.54 crore, Rs. 43.33 crore and Rs.32.98 crore respectively.
- (b): No new NHs and bypasses have been sanctioned since 2004-05.
- (c) and (d): Regarding bypasses, there is no pending proposal for construction of bypass on NHs in the state of Karnataka. As regards proposal of new NHs, the State Government has proposed various State Roads to be declared as NHs. Considering the overall position of availability of funds for the development of existing NHs, declaration of new NHs is not a priority of the Government at present.