

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

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

- (a) whether heavy rush of traffic on National Highway No. 9 (Pune-Solapur- Hyderabad) and National Highway No. 13 (Pune-Solapur-Bijapur) results in a large number of road accidents;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has any proposal to undertake four- laning of both the National Highways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the time by which these projects are likely to be completed; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) There are several factors which are responsible for road accidents viz. lack of traffic discipline on the part of drivers and road users, mixed traffic condition, overspeeding, overloading, mechanical defects in vehicles, poor geometrics of road etc. and not necessarily the heavy rush of traffic. In order to ease the situation, four laning of National Highways is undertaken in a phased manner on the basis of volume of traffic, inter-se-priority and availability of funds. Details in respect of four laning of National Highway No. 9 (Pune- Solapur- Hyderabad) and National Highway No.13

(Solapur- Bijapur) are annexed at Annex-I.