

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

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WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working on a proposal of two laning of all single lane National Highways across the country on Built Operate Transfer basis which are not covered under National Highways Development Programme (NHDP);
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide a special package for upgradation of non NHDP stretches in the Eleventh Plan period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) There is no proposal for two laning of all single lane National Highways (NHs) across the country on Built Operate Transfer (BOT) basis which are not covered under National Highways Development Project (NHDP). However, the Government has approved the proposal for upgradation/strengthening of 5,000 km of single / intermediate/ two lane NHs to two lane standards with paved shoulders on BOT basis under NHDP-Phase-IV A in July, 2008. This includes improvement of at least 4,000 km length of NHs on BOT (Toll) mode and the remaining length, totalling maximum of 1,000 km, on BOT (Annuity) mode.
- (b) to (d) The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and these are taken up to keep the NHs in traffic worthy condition based on traffic density, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The major targets envisaged for development of NHs other than those covered under the NHDP during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) are (i) Accelerated efforts to bring NHs network to minimum 2-lane standards by Twelfth Five Year Plan and 4-laning of small segments of non-NHDP stretches; (ii) Removing existing deficiencies such as inadequate capacity, insufficient pavement thickness etc., in the road network by strengthening the NH network / improving riding quality.