

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

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KALKA SHIMLA NATIONAL HIGHWAY
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the National Highway stretching from Kalka in Haryana to Shimla in Himachal Pradesh is very narrow which often results in traffic jam and causes huge economic loss;
- (b) if so, whether there is any plan for four laning the said route;
- (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) to (c) National Highway no.22 from Kalka in Haryana to Shimla in Himachal Pradesh is 2 lane road. The 4 laning of Kalka-Shimla section of NH-22 has been identified under National Highway Development Project Phase III on Built Operate and Transfer basis. Following is the status of 4 laning:

(i) Zirakpur- Parwanoo section:

4 laning is in progress including construction of Pinjore- Kalka –Parwanoo bypass which is likely to be completed by August 2010.

(ii) Parwanoo-Solan section:

DPR for 4 laning of this stretch has been completed and Bids have been invited after prequalification of bidders with bid due date as 04.08.09 pending clearance from Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee.

(iii) Solan- Shimla section:

The work of preparation of feasibility study cum preliminary design report for 4 laning of this stretch has recently been awarded.

(d) Does not arise