

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

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

- (a) the total length (in kilometres) of National Highways/Expressways and State Highways in the country, State-wise and their break-up;
- (b) the allocation of funds made for the construction and maintenance of the roads during each of the last three years and current year;
- (c) whether steps are being taken to remove regional imbalances in the construction of Highways and Expressways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) and National Expressways. The development and maintenance of the State Roads including State Highways is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. The State-wise details of the National Highways/National Expressways and State Highways in the country are annexed.

(b) This ministry provides funds for development and maintenance of State Roads other than Rural Roads as per the provisions of the Central Road Fund Act 2000. The details of allocations of the funds made for development and maintenance of National Highways and State Roads other than Rural Roads for the last three years and current year are given below:

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Year Allocation for development & maintenance of National Highways and
 State Roads excluding Rural Roads

2006-07 13790.80

2007-08 15007.92

2008-09 16906.91

2009-10 5596.83

as per Vote -on- Account

(c) and (d) The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and depends upon the traffic, its growth, inter-se priority and availability of funds. At present, the emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.