

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:523
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2014
UPGRADATION CONVERSION OF NHS INTO FOUR LANES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of projects sanctioned for conversion/upgradation into four lane including the funds spent thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, NH-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to convert/upgrade same National Highways (NHs) into four lanes including NH-87 from Madurai to Rameshwaram in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated for execution of the above proposal during the current year; and
- (d) the time by which all the above projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 523 FOR ANSWER ON 14.08.2014 ASKED BY SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA REGARDING UPGRADATION/ CONVERSION OF NHs INTO FOUR LANES

(a) to (c) Four-laning of NHs has mainly taken up under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North-Eastern Region (SARDP-NE). Under these programmes, it is targeted to upgrade 32,362 km of NHs including a portion of Madurai-Rameshwaram section of NH-87 in Tamil Nadu to four-lane standard.

51 projects have been awarded for four-laning of National Highways (NHs) during the last three years and the current year.

Allocation of funds for development of NHs including four-laning are made State / Union Territory / Agency-wise and not NH / project-wise. A total of Rs. 62,798.29 crore has been spent for the projects under NHDP and SARDP-NE including four-laning of NHs during the last three years and the current year upto May, 2014.

During the current year, Rs. 18,013.81 crore has been allocated under budgetary grant for NHDP and SARDP-NE. Apart from this targeted market borrowing under Internal & Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) under NHDP is Rs. 9,000 crore during 2014-15. Besides, private sector will also contributes towards four-laning of NHs.

(d) All the awarded projects wherein works have been commenced are targeted to be completed latest by November, 2016.