

Development of National Highways in Maharashtra

517. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways which pass through Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop and broaden these Highways; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB MUKH-

ERJEE): (a) Nine National Highways (Number 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 17 and 50) pass through Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) The Fourth Five Year Plan for National Highways in Maharashtra included their development at a cost of about Rs. 57 crores which covered widening of the highways except Nos. 13 and 17, strengthening payment of some of these, reconstruction of weak narrow bridges etc. Statements I and II giving the broad breakup of the works under different categories are attached. The works, which have spilled over out of this programme, from the fourth Plan are proposed to be included in the fifth Plan.

Statement I

National Highway road works in Maharashtra's Fourth Five Year Plan

Category	Length/ number	Estimated cost Rs. lakhs
1. Constructing missing links	22.0 Km	88.0
2. Improvement to low grade sections	146.0 Km	296.0
3. Widening and strengthening of single lane sections to two lanes	888.0 Km	1428.0
4. Strengthening existing weak double lane stretches	79.0 Km	139.0
5. Widening roads to two lanes (without strengthening)	883.0 Km	684.0
6. Reconstructing/widening culverts including replacement of dips and causeways by new culverts	L.S.	781.0
7. Constructing bypasses around congested towns	18 Nos.	425.0
8. Replacing railway level crossings with over/under bridges including construction of new over/under bridges.	4 No.	48.0
9. Widening roads to 4 lanes	43.0 Km	425.0
10. Miscellaneous items	lumpsum
11. Road making machinery and equipment	lumpsum
		4314.0 lakhs

Statement II

National Highway bridge works in Maharashtra's Fourth Five Year Plan

Category	Number	Estimated cost Rs. lakhs
1. Replacement of submersible bridges	9	178.00
2. Replacement of damaged and weak major bridges	24	694.00
3. Replacement of damaged and weak narrow bridges	346	511.00
TOTAL .	379	1383.00