NHs for High Standard Improvement

 $\dagger *34. \mathsf{SHRI}\ \mathsf{RAM}\ \mathsf{JETHMALANI}: \mathsf{Will}\ \mathsf{the}\ \mathsf{Minister}\ \mathsf{of}\ \mathsf{ROAD}\ \mathsf{TRANSPORT}\ \mathsf{AND}\ \mathsf{HIGHWAYS}\ \mathsf{be}$ pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has selected 3,700 kilometer of National Highways (NHs) for high standard improvement to bring about reforms in the road transport in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of these roads along with their length, Statewise;
- (c) whether the World Bank has given approval to meet the financial requirement for their construction; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof and the target of time-limit for completion of this plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A total of 33 road stretches aggregating a total of 3770 km of various National Highways have been identified for Rehabilitation and Upgrading to 2 lane/2 lane with paved shoulders configuration, under World Bank Loan Assistance as per details given in the Statement (See below).

- (c) The World Bank was requested for a loan of US \$ 2.96 billion. The bank is considering approval of the loan in 3 tranches.
 - (d) The preliminary target is to complete the improvement of all the identified roads by 2014.

Statement

Details of National Highways for 2 lane/2 lane with paved shoulders under World Bank Loan Assistance

SI.No	o. Name of the State/UT	NH No	Length (in Km)
1	2	3	4
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	223	277
2	Bihar	30 A	69

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
		106	136
		2C	65
		104	176
		98	149
		80	125
		28 B	87
3	Himachal Pradesh	22	111
		72B	97
		88	147.6
		70	124
		20 A	91
		20	69.7
	Karnataka	206	348
		234	314.9
	Orissa	217	248.5
		23	68
		200	129
		224	57
		201	55
	Rajasthan	11-B	116
		113	100
	Uttarakhand	119	137
		121	111
		87 E×t.	200
	West Bengal	55	77
		60 A	84