

Conversion of State roads into National Highways

1952. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has since finalised the process of identifying 10000 Km. roads running through different States to be upgraded to NHs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether several State Governments/Union Territories have urged Government to convert State roads into NHs in the past few years;
- (d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which important State roads are likely to be converted into NHs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (e) Several State Governments/Union Territories have submitted proposals to convert State Highways covering more than 60,000 Km. into National Highways. However; expansion of National Highways network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

Long jams on National Highways

1953. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that incidents of long jams on National Highways and roads due to accidents, overturning of trucks and other vehicles have become common in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures that Government has taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.