

(b) whether the Central Government proposes to under additional Highways in the State to National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) The comparison of the State of Gujarat with the National average values of length of National Highways (NHs) per lac of population and per 1000 sq. km. of area are as follows:-

	Length of NH (km) per lac of population	Length of NH (km) per 1000 sq. km. of area
Gujarat	8.2	25.4
National Average	8.3	30.4

(b) The declaration of State roads as NHs, including those in the State of Gujarat, is a continuous process and are taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

#### **Chennai Port-Maduravoyal elevated expressway project**

1554. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has proposed any out-of-court solution for Chennai Port-Maduravoyal Elevated Expressway project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) by when the work on this project is likely to resume; and
- (d) the expected date of completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Ministry has suggested that both the National Highways Authority of India and Government of Tamil Nadu have to make an effort to reach an out of court settlement.

(c) and (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu has withdraw the stoppage order to resume the work.

#### **Demands for road safety instruments**

1555. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: