

Statement
Highways in Uttaranchal

Sl. No.	NH No.	Detail	Length (in K.M.)
1	123	The highway starting from its junction with NH-72 connecting Vikasnagar-Kalsi-Barkat and terminating at junction with NH-94 near Barkot bend	95
2	119	From Uttar Pradesh border connecting Kotdwara-Pauri and terminating at its junction with NH-58 near Srinagar	135
3	121	The highway starting from its junction with NH-74 near Kashipur connecting Ramnagar-Dhumakot-Thalisain-Tripalisain- Pabo and terminating at NH-119 near Bubakhal	252
4	87- Extension	The highway starting from its junction with NH-87 near Nainital connecting Bhowali-Almora-Ranikhet Dwarahat-Chaukutia-Gairsain-Adbabri and terminating at its junction with NH-58 near Karna Prayag	233
5	125	The highway starting from its junction with NH-74 near Sitarganj connecting Khatima-Tanakpur and terminating at Pithoragarh	201
Total length			916

Safety Norms for Sports Utility Vehicles

472. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of adopting strict safety norms for Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs);

(b) whether Government propose to ban third row of seats which is a problem area;

(c) whether any meeting with the vehicle manufacturers has been convened in this connection;

(d) if so, what are the suggestions made by the vehicle manufacturers; and

(e) what action Government have taken on those suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) as a separate category are not recognised by the Government. All safety norms as are applicable to the cars having seating capacity upto 8 passengers, also apply to such vehicles.

(b) There is no legal bar for a third row of seats and as of now there is no move to ban third row of seats in such vehicles.

(c) The Ministry has not held any meeting with the vehicle manufacturers.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Highways In Bihar

†473. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of highways, in kms., to be constructed in Bihar during this financial year;

(b) the number of four-lane highways out of these; and

(c) the amenities to be provided on the highways under construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Construction of new roads as National Highways is not envisaged at present. Only existing National Highways are being improved in a phased manner depending upon *inter se* priority and availability of funds. Improvement of about 490 kms. is targeted to be completed in the current Financial Year.

(b) Four-laning is targeted to be substantially completed this year in 206 kms. on NH- 2 and 10 kms. on NH-31, aggregating to the length of 216 kms. out of 490 kms.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.