

(d) The work of rehabilitation and upgradation of existing NH-61 (old NH-222) from Km. 615/0 to 668/6 (Kalyan-Nirmal Road) in Adilabad district to two lane with paved shoulder including four laning in certain urban/built up area has already been taken up to improve the road condition and to ensure smooth flow of traffic which is substantially completed.

Declaration of national highways in Uttarakhand

†1699. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received from Uttarakhand Government for declaring National Highways;

(b) if so, the names of the roads which the State Government has requested to be so declared;

(c) whether the Ministry has approved all the proposals received; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P): (a) to (d) The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals for declaration of various road stretches in various States, including Uttarakhand, as National Highways (NHs) which are examined keeping in view the requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. The Ministry has declared about 432 kms. of road stretches in the State of Uttarakhand as new NHs since the year 2014-15. The details of these NHs are given in the Statement (*See below*). Apart from this, about 550 kms. of State roads in the State of Uttarakhand has been approved "In Principle" for their declaration as new NHs subject to the outcome of their Detailed Project Reports.

Statement

The details of road stretches declared as NHs in the State of Uttarakhand since the year 2014-15

State	New National Highways No.	Description of National Highways
1	2	3
Uttarakhand	9	The highway starting from its junction with NH-7 near Malaut in the State of Punjab connecting Dabwali, Sirsa, Fatehabad, Hisar, Hansi, Rohtak, Bahadurgarh in

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
		the State of Haryana, Delhi, Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Rampur, Bilaspur in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Rudrapur, Sitarganj, Khatima, Tanakpur, Pithoragarh, Oglā and terminating at Askot near Indo/Nepal border in the State of Uttarakhand.
Uttarakhand	707A	The highway starting from its junction with NH No. 707 at Tiuni connecting Chakrata, Bhediyana, Mussoorie, New Tehri and terminating at its junction with NH No. 7 at Srinagar in the State of Uttarakhand.
Uttarakhand	309B	The highway starting from its junction with new NH No. 109 near Almora and terminating at its junction with new NH No. 9 at Rameshwar in the State of Uttarakhand.

Rise in road accidents

1700. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in road accidents in the country during the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise since 2010; and

(c) what are the preventive measures taken by Government to check accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P): (a) and (b) The total number of road accidents in the country for last five calendar years from 2010-2014 are given below:

Year	Total Number of Road Accidents
2010	4,99,628
2011	4,97,686
2012	4,90,383
2013	4,86,476
2014	4,89,400

(c) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has taken a number of steps to prevent road accidents as per details mentioned under: