

Phases-I, II and III of NHDP are primarily concerned with four laning of National Highways (NHs). Further, selected NH stretches have been taken up for four laning under NHDP Phase-IV. The present status of progress of projects under these programmes is as follows:

NHDP Phase	Total Length (km.)	Length Completed (km.)	Length under Implementation (km.)	Length to be awarded (km.)
I	7,522	7,521	1	0
II	6,647	5,954	438	255
III	12,172	7,006	3,388	1,778
IV*	6,102	984	4,488	630
TOTAL	32,443	21,465	8,315	2,663

*Length selected for upgradation to 4-lane NH standard

Four-laning of about 580 km. length of NHs are included under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads. Projects in about 353 km. length have commenced for Four-laning under these programmes; out of this projects in about 76 km. length have been completed.

Recently, the threshold traffic for Four-laning of NHs have been reduced from 15,000; 11,000; and 8,000 Passenger Car Units (PCUs) per day to 10,000; 8,500 and 6,000 PCUs/day for Plain, Rolling, and Mountainous/Steep Terrains respectively.

(b) The Vilraya-Panvari road in the State of Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) is not an NH. This is a State road. State Government of U.P. is responsible for its development and maintenance.

However, the Ministry has approved project for strengthening of about 24 km. length of roads falling within this stretch for ₹ 36.53 crore in March, 2016 under the Central Road Fund (CRF) scheme of the Ministry.

Electrification of villages

*165. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some un-electrified villages were included and counted as electrified villages in rural electrification data published by Government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the actual number of rural villages which were electrified during the last year under the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, State-wise;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the number of villages/habitations where electrification work is yet to be undertaken in order to fix the target; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Electrification of un-electrified villages is reported by the concerned State Government and State Power Utility, based on which Government of India publishes data relating to rural electrification.

(c) 7108 un-electrified villages were electrified during 2015-16. The State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(d) to (e) As reported by the States, there were 18452 un-electrified villages in the country as on 1st April, 2015. Till 30.06.2016, 8612 of these villages have been electrified. The remaining villages are targeted to be electrified by 1st May, 2018.

State-wise number of villages electrified during 2015-16

Sl. No.	States	No. of villages
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	174
3.	Assam	942
4.	Bihar	1754
5.	Chhattisgarh	405
6.	Gujarat	0
7.	Haryana	0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	27
10.	Jharkhand	750
11.	Karnataka	0
12.	Kerala	0

Sl. No.	States	No. of villages
13.	Madhya Pradesh	214
14.	Maharashtra	0
15.	Manipur	75
16.	Meghalaya	1
17.	Mizoram	16
18.	Nagaland	0
19.	Odisha	1264
20.	Punjab	0
21.	Rajasthan	163
22.	Sikkim	0
23.	Tamil Nadu	0
24.	Telangana	0
25.	Tripura	9
26.	Uttar Pradesh	1305
27.	Uttarakhand	0
28.	West Bengal	8
TOTAL		7108

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Revenue earned from auction of coal blocks

†1502. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal blocks which have been auctioned till now and the number of blocks which have become operational along with the number of cases pending in the courts after the auction;

(b) the revenue likely to be earned by Government of Jharkhand from the action of coal blocks; and

(c) the number of coal blocks allocated to the private sector in the first phase of auction and the fields in which these would be utilised?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.