

(b) if so, reasons as to why the Ministry is not taking any decision in the matter whereas Government of India has declared various State roads as National Highways in other States?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) This Ministry keeps on receiving proposals for declaration of various State Roads/Highways as new National Highways (NHs) from various States/ Union Territories (UTs) including the State Government of Odisha. This Ministry considers declaration of some State Roads Highways as new NHs from time to time keeping in view the requirement of connectivity, *inter se* priority and availability of funds. About 1,099 kms of State roads have been declared as National Highways during April, 2014 to March, 2019 in the State of Odisha.

Guidelines regarding width of NHs

1076. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any guidelines regarding the width of the National Highways (NHs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has recently received any representation from the State Governments seeking the relaxation in the width of NHs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) Indian Roads Congress has formulated Guidelines (IRC:73) titled 'Geometric Design Standards for Rural (Non-Urban) Highways' which stipulates roadway width as well as the standard width of carriageway for single lane, two lane and multi-lane pavements.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has not received any recent representation from State Government seeking the relaxation in the width of NHs.

Traffic accidents in Madhya Pradesh

†1077. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the details of casualties in traffic accidents during the last three years and the current year on National Highways and State Highways in Madhya Pradesh and the preventive measures taken thereof, route-wise, year-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.