

**Upgradation of State Highways into NHs**

934. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to convert State Highways into National Highways particularly in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether Government has earmarked any amount for such conversion;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, particularly in respect of Rajasthan;
- (d) whether Government has set any timeline for such conversion; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (e) The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments/Union Territories (UTs), etc., including the State Government of Rajasthan, for declaration of State roads, including State Highways (SHs), as new National Highways (NHs). The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads, including SHs, as new NHs from time to time based on requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Total length of NHs have been increased from about 91, 287 km. in April, 2014 to about 1,32,500 km. at present. The length of NHs in the State of Rajasthan has increased from about 7,646 km. to 10,342 km. during this period.

Development and maintenance of NHs, including newly declared NHs, is a continuous process. Works on the NHs are accordingly taken up as per *inter-se* priority, traffic density and overall available resources to keep the NHs in Traffic worthy condition.

**Status of coastal Mumbai-Goa highway**

935. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the four-laned coastal highway was first proposed in 2016 and was to be completed in 2018, but the deadline was first shifted to March this year before being again postponed to the year end;