

Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture and the Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha.

Vehicle density on NHs

937. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current vehicle density per kilometer on National Highways (NHs) in the country, and the projection for increase in the vehicle density in next five years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the width of National Highways (NHs) and improve the road design to accommodate more vehicles;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to take any action to demolish the illegal civil structures that have come up along the National Highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (e) The National Highways are designed for traffic volume plying on a particular stretch of National Highway which is not same for the entire State. The widening of National Highways depends upon the traffic volume, availability of fund and *inter-se* priority. Encroachments/squatters on National Highways are removed as per the provisions of the Control of National Highways (Land and Traffic) Act, 2002.

NHs in West Bengal

938. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the proposed and constructed National Highways in the State of West Bengal during the last three years and current year; and

(b) the details of construction quality and monitoring system of maintenance of National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) The details of construction of National Highways (NHs) in the State of West Bengal during last three years and the current year as under:—