

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-76
ANSWERED ON-02/02/2022

UPGRADATION/EXTENSION OF NHS IN WEST BENGAL

76. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

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

- (a) how many kilometres of roads in West Bengal are under the jurisdiction of the National Highways Authority of India;
- (b) how does this figure compare vis-a-vis other major States;
- (c) the ongoing projects for upgradation and extension of NHs in West Bengal and what will be the increased length and the total expenditure; and
- (d) the new NH projects which have been approved or likely to be approved very soon for the State and the likely benefits and expenditure?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) & (b) Out of total 3,675 Kms of National Highways (NHs) in West Bengal, a length of 1,800 km is entrusted to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for development and maintenance. Out of 1,40,995 Kms of NHs in the entire country, about 60,800 Kms of NHs have been entrusted to NHAI. The proportion of NHs entrusted to NHAI in West Bengal is higher than those entrusted to NHAI in the entire Country.
- (c) At present 79 nos. of projects in a length of 1,488 kms costing Rs. 27,360 crore are awarded/ongoing in the State of West Bengal. The NH length in West Bengal was 2,908 km in 2014 which has increased to 3,675 km as on date.
- (d) Projects comprising length of about 49 kms costing Rs. 476 crore have been awarded in the current Financial Year in the State of West Bengal. Projects are taken up for execution in each Financial Year on the basis of fund availability, traffic, inter-se-priority, connectivity etc.
