

Up-gradation of National Highways Under NHDP

The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The Ministry has taken up various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP). 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 4-laning under NHDP Phase-IV. The Ministry has taken up NHDP-Phase V for six Laning of about 6,500 km length of NHs. The present status of progress under these programmes are as follows:-

NHDP Phase	Total Length (km)	Length Completed (km)	Length under Implementation (km)	Length to be awarded (km)	Tentative revised target date of completion
I	7,522	7,521	1	0	----
II	6,647	5,991	408	248	December, 2020
III	12,172	7,144 [#]	3,213	1,815	December, 2020
IV*	7,408	1,271	4,750	1387	March, 2021
V	6,500	2,483	974	3,043	March, 2021
Total	40,249	24,410	9,346	6,493	

*- Length selected for upgradation to 4-lane NH standard

#- includes about 870 km of 2-lane NH length

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 444 km length have commenced for 4-laning under these programmes, out of this projects in about 77 km length have been completed. Revised target for completion of Phase-A of SARDP-NE and Arunachal Package is March, 2021. Projects under SARDP-NE and Arunachal Pradesh Package have been assigned to NHAI, concerned State Governments, Border Roads Organization (BRO) and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL); besides, the Ministry has taken up implementation of some projects directly under Arunachal Pradesh package.

Keeping in view the requirements to enhance Road Safety, reduce congestions, improve road connectivity / conditions, the Ministry has taken decision to augment the NHs Network of existing 1,03,613 km. About 47,890 km length of State Roads have been approved "In-Principle" for their declaration as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports

(DPRs) and initiatives have been taken for their DPR preparations. Further, the Ministry has reduced threshold traffic for 4-laning of NHs 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. Decisions have been taken to entrust 4-laning of all such NHs to the NHAI for their implementation through additional market borrowings, etc., in a phased manner by leveraging limited available budgetary allocation. About 5,575 km length of NHs have been identified accordingly for their up gradations to 4 / 6 lane standards by NHAI and process have been initiated for their DPR preparations.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Shri Pon. Radhakrishnanin written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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