

Four Lanning of National Highways

The total number of road accidents in the country during 2015 was about 5,01,423 which resulted into about 1,46,133 numbers of persons killed. The National Highways (NHs) accounted for about 29.1 % share of total road accidents and 35.0 % of total persons killed. Although the existing NHs comprise of about 1.9 % of total road network, they carry about 40% of total road traffic.

Keeping in view the requirements to enhance Road Safety, reduce congestions, improve road connectivity and conditions, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has taken decision to augment the NHs Network of existing 1,13,298 km. About 57,500 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 National Highways Authority of India (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 upgradations to 4 / 6 lane standards by NHAI and process have been initiated for their DPR preparations.

The State / Union Territory-wise and lane-wise distribution of NH length in km (Provisional). (Lane-length status as on 31.12.2016)

(Length in km)

Sl. No.	State/ UT	Single Lane/ Intermediate Lane	2-Lane	4 Lane and Above
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,138	2,717	1,802
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1,910	584	19
3.	Assam	958	2,266	621
4.	Bihar	747	3,303	789
5.	Chandigarh	0	0	15
6.	Chhattisgarh	418	2,452	362
7.	Delhi	0	0	80
8.	Goa	51	174	37
9.	Gujarat	448	2,177	2,392
10.	Haryana	110	1,444	1,069
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1,150	1,463	29
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,039	1,360	202

13.	Jharkhand	261	2,092	301
14.	Karnataka	997	3,904	1,860
15.	Kerala	399	1,290	122
16.	Madhya Pradesh	3,128	3,421	1,314
17.	Maharashtra	8,665	3,354	3,418
18.	Manipur	290	1,424	31
19.	Meghalaya	696	452	57
20.	Mizoram	1,347	34	0
21.	Nagaland	1,081	92	0
22.	Odisha	97	3,914	826
23.	Puducherry	0	40	25
24.	Punjab	302	1,479	987
25.	Rajasthan	117	5,101	2,688
26.	Sikkim	213	250	0
27.	Tamil Nadu	10	2,869	2,127
28.	Telangana	836	1,577	922
29.	Tripura	682	124	0
30.	Uttar Pradesh	808	5,420	2,473
31.	Uttarakhand	1,948	692	75
32.	West Bengal	441	1,470	1,045
33.	A & N Island	319	11	1
34.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	31	0	0
35.	Daman & Diu	22	0	0
	Total	30,659	56,950	25,689

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

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