

Present National Highways Comprises About 1.9 % of Total Road Network And Carries Around 40% of Total Road Traffic

The Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The works on NHs are, accordingly, taken up from time to time as per available resources, inter-se priority and traffic density. The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). As per the latest issue of the Basic Road Statistics of India (2013-14 and 2014-15) published by the Transport Research Wing (TRW) of the Ministry in September, 2016, during 2005 to 2015, the Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) for NHs and the total Road network in India were about 4.1% and 3.7% respectively; the registered motor vehicles grew at a CAGR of 9.9% during the same period. The existing NHs comprise of about 1.9 % of total road network of about 54.72 lakh km length and 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 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 15000, 11000, and 8000 Passenger Car Units (PCUs) per day to 10000, 8500 and 6000 PCUs/day for Plain, Rolling, and Mountainous and Steep Terrains respectively.

The State-wise and Year-wise details of construction of NHs and roads under various schemes of the Ministry during the last five years is as follow-

(Length in km)						
Sl. No.	State/UTs	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1.	Andhra Pradesh	520	450	163	136	462
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	55	50	122	88	80
3.	Assam	216	188	225	178	87
4.	Bihar	660	429	191	115	181
5.	Chandigarh	0	0	0	1	0
6.	Chhattisgarh	307	326	151	307	327
7.	Delhi	8	0	0	0	0
8.	Goa	0	0	0	0	2
9.	Gujarat	190	284	160	139	277
10.	Haryana	167	93	40	86	170
11.	Himachal Pradesh	114	45	30	34	100
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	76	130	169	57	34
13.	Jharkhand	78	268	176	126	119
14.	Karnataka	322	291	44	130	314
15.	Kerala	13	6	21	29	10

16.	Madhya Pradesh	232	479	499	335	306
17.	Maharashtra	408	391	229	124	324
18.	Manipur	76	59	75	45	6
19.	Meghalaya	93	293	304	88	50
20.	Mizoram	38	23	5	5	15
21.	Nagaland	35	33	0	13	25
22.	Odisha	224	361	247	386	268
23.	Puducherry	0	0	0	14	22
24.	Punjab	96	150	37	115	154
25.	Rajasthan	256	260	427	853	1062
26.	Sikkim	9	9	8	30	0
27.	Tamil Nadu	284	537	243	58	237
28.	Telangana*	--	--	--	171	222
29.	Tripura	10	20	3	18	0
30.	Uttar Pradesh	237	334	485	542	669
31.	Uttarakhand	49	44	10	49	335
32.	West Bengal	240	180	196	138	203
33.	A & N Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Total		5013	5733	4260	4410	6061

*Details included under Andhra Pradesh upto 2013-14

This information was given by the Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Shri Munsukh L. Mandaviya in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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