

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 71
ANSWERED ON 21st November, 2019

WIDENING OF HIGHWAYS

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing a plan of converting the existing State Highways into National Highways to connect major cities for improving traffic in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the public representative has requested/asked his Ministry on 4 July, 2019 to complete the widening works of Tembhurni-Latur Highway (Maharashtra);
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the manner and details of action taken/being taken thereon;
- (d) whether the Director General (Road Development) had been instructed on 12 July, 2019 in respect of the said request and if so, the action taken in this regard; and
- (e) whether instances of road accidents on the existing Tembhurni -Latur Highway (Maharashtra) are rising due to increase in the number of vehicles and if so, the time by which the work of widening of said road is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 71 ANSWERED ON 21.11.2019 ASKED BY SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR REGARDING WIDENING OF HIGHWAYS

(a) The Ministry considers declaration of some State Roads, including State Highways (SHs), as National Highways (NHs) from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se-priorities, traffic density and available resources.

The total length of NHs has been increased from about 91,287 km in April 2016 to 1,32,500 km at present.

The Ministry had taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non-Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors and Feeder Routes along with integration with Sagarmala, etc., under “Bharatmala Pariyojana”. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the proposal for investment approval for Phase-I of “Bharatmala Pariyojana” during its meeting held on 24.10.2017.

(b) to (e) Request was received for development of the Tembhurni – Latur road to 2-lane / 4-lane NHs standards. The stretch of State road was notified as NHs in January 2017.

Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. Works on NHs are accordingly taken up as per inter-se-priority, traffic density and available resources to keep the NHs in traffic worthy condition.

Tembhurni – Dhotre (near Barshi) section of NH-548 C [Tembhurni – Kurudwari – Barshi upto junction with NH-63] of about 73 km length has not been transferred by the State Government of Maharashtra to the Ministry as it was under award by the State Government as a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer (DBFOT) project. The Concessionaire filed a writ petition in the Hon’ble High Court of Bombay and the matter is sub-judice. The responsibility of maintaining and developing this section presently lies with the State Government of Maharashtra.

Initial 14 km section from Barshi to Ramling of Dhotre (Barshi) – Latur section of NH-63 was not transferred to the Ministry owing to the Court case mentioned above. Remaining section from Ramling to Latur section of about 82 km length has been transferred to the Ministry by the State Government. The status of the road / Projects on the same are as follows:-

Sr. No.	Name of section / chainage	Length [km]	Last work done / proposed	Date of completion	Remarks
1.	Ramling (Yedshi) – Jawlapati [Km 14/0 – 22/0]	8	Periodical Renewal (PR)	14-11-18	Road in good condition
2.	Yedshi – Dhuki – Murud	37	Proposed strengthening		Project under bidding.

Sr. No.	Name of section / chainage	Length [km]	Last work done / proposed	Date of completion	Remarks
	[Km 22/0 – 59/0]		work.		
3.	Karkata – Latur Mahila polytechnic [Km 59/0 – 70/0]	11	PR	14-11-18	Road in good condition
4.	Karkata – Latur Mahila polytechnic [Km 70/0 – 87/0]	17	Work done by State Govt.		Road under Defects Liability Period (DLP).
5.	Latur city portion [Km 87/0 – 96/0]	9	Proposed strengthening work.		Project under bidding.

The Ministry has not received any report regarding increase in instances of accidents in the Ramling – Latur section of NH-63 of about 82 km length.
