



ASIAN HIGHWAY SUB-REGIONAL ROUTE WITHIN SRI LANKA

Some selected highways in Sri Lanka are linked to the Asian Highway network under Asian Land Transport infrastructure development (ALTID) project of ESCAP activities. The identified local roads network is designated as "Sub regional Asian Highway network" and the following two route numbers are allocated.

(I) A.H. Route no. 43

(II) A.H. Route no. 44

Sub regional route AH-43 is commencing from Indian city Agra on the International Asian Highway route AH-1 spanning from Turkey to Vietnam and is linked to the Island's AH network via Dhanuskodi in south India through the gap across "Palk Strait" and Talaimannar of Sri Lanka.

A-43 : Dhanuskody in India and enters Sri Lanka through Talaimannar in the island of Mannar and passes through Medawachchiya, Anuradhapura, Dambulla, Kurunegala, Colombo , Galle and Matara.

Hill country capital, Kandy is linked to SRR A-43.

A-44 : Trincomalee in Eastern Province is linked with Dambulla.

As a member state, Sri Lanka has ratified the Agreement on 26th April 2004. Cabinet approval has also been obtained on 30th June 2004.

Current status of Asian Highway

Overall length (km) of the Asian Highway based on the current on-going rehabilitation / improvement projects

ROAD	SECTION	LANES	COMPLETED	ON-GOING	FUNDING AGREED	NO FUNDING	TOTAL	REMARKS
Medawachchiya - Mannar - Talaimannar Road	0-14.5	2		14.5			14.5	
	14.5-25	2		10.5			10.5	
	25-80	2			55		55	Chinese
	80-114.5	2		34.5			34.5	
TOTAL			0	59.5	55	0	114.5	
Kandy - Jaffna Road	0-4.5	4				4.5	4.5	
	4.5-122	2	117.5				117.5	
	122-152	2				30	30	
TOTAL			117.5	0	0	34.5	152	
Ambepussa - Kurunegala - Trincomalee Road	0-107	2			107		107	WB
	107-135	2		28			28	
	135-199	2			64		64	WB
TOTAL			0	28	171	0	199	

ROAD	SECTION	LANES	COMPLETED	ON-GOING	FUNDING AGREED	NO FUNDING	TOTAL	REMARKS
Colombo – Kandy Road	0-12	4	12				12	
	Dec-14	4		2			2	
	14-16	4	2				2	
	16-39	2			23		23	WB
	39-59	2		20			20	
TOTAL			14	22	23	0	59	
Colombo – Galle – Hambantota - Wellawaya Road	0-20	4	20				20	
	20-46	04-Feb	26				26	
	46-162	2	116				116	
TOTAL			162	0	0	0	162	
KKP ROAD	0-36	2	36				36	
TOTAL			36	0	0	0	36	
GRAND TOTAL			329.5	109.5	249	34.5	722.5	

Medawachchiya - Mannar - Talaimannar Road : Br.No.42/1 & 44/2 were completed and Mannar Bridge is being constructed

With the completion of the Southern Expressway, A-2 section of Asian Highway could be replaced with the Southern Expressway.

Similarly, with the completion of the Colombo-Kandy Expressway, and the proposed Northern Highway, the relevant sections of the Asian Highway could be replaced

For further details on Asian Highways , Go to www.unescap.org/tctd/ah/indix.htm