

ASIAN HIGHWAY IN SRILANKA

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SRI LANKA

ABOUT SRI LANKA

- ▣ Sri Lanka is an island in the Indian Ocean,
 - ▣ Located between
 - ▣ latitude $5^{\circ}55'$ to $9^{\circ}50'$ north and
 - ▣ longitude $79^{\circ}42'$ to $81^{\circ}52'$ East.
 - ▣ Total area - 65,610 sq.km.
 - ▣ Maximum length of 432 km along the North-South direction
 - ▣ Maximum width of 224 km along the East-West direction.

ABOUT SRI LANKA

- ▣ Population of approximately 20.33 million as at 2012
 - The growth rate is 0.9%.
 - The population density is 324 persons per sq.km.
 - 72% of the population live in rural areas

Asian Highways in Sri Lanka

- ▣ There are two routes

- AH43 and AH44

- ▣ Total length of both these routes is approximately 650 km.

A43:

- ▣ Continues from Dhanuskody in India and enters Sri Lanka through Talaimannar in the island of Mannar
- ▣ and passes through
 - ▣ Medawachchiya,
 - ▣ Anuradhapura,
 - ▣ Dambulla,
 - ▣ Kurunegala, - connects Kandy from Kurunegala
 - ▣ Colombo - Very close to the Capital City - Sri Jayawardenepura,
 - ▣ Galle
- ▣ ends at Matara.

A44

▣ Trincomalee in Eastern Province

is linked with Dambulla which is on A43

Current status of the AH Network

Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH43	Madawachchiya–Mannar-Talaimannar Road (A14) from Talaimannar to Mannar AH Section No.1	29.0	Below Class III	Low volume of traffic Motorable condition

Current status of the AH Network

Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH43	Madawachchiya-Mannar-Talaimannar Road (A14) from Mannar to Mantota AH Section No.2	15.0	Mixed Varies from Below III to II	Mannar town

Current status of the AH Network

Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH43	Madawachchiya–Mannar-Talaimannar Road (A14) from Mantota to Pareiyanalankulam AH Section No.3	22.0	Below III	
		5.0	Class II	
AH43	Madawachchiya–Mannar-Talaimannar Road (A14) from Pareiyanalankulam to Madawachchiya AH Section No.4	42.0	Class II	

Current status of the AH Network

Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH43	Kandy – Jaffna Road (A9) from Madawachchiya to Anuradhapura AH Section No.5	21.0	Class II	
AH43	Kandy – Jaffna Road (A9) from Anuradhapura to Maredankadawela AH Section No.6	31.0	Class II	Recently improved

Current status of the AH Network

Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH43	Kandy – Jaffna Road (A9) from Maredankadawela to Dambulla AH Section No.7	26.0	Class II	Recently improved
AH43	Ambepussa-Kurunegala-Dambulla (A6) Road from Dambulla to Kurunegala AH Section No.8	56.0	Class II	

Current status of the AH Network

Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH43	Katagastota – Kurunegala – Puttalam Road (A10) from Kurunegala to Katugastota AH Section No.9	38.0	Class II	
AH43	Kandy – Jaffna Road (A9) from Katugastota to Kandy AH Section No.10	4.5	Class II	

Current status of the AH Network

Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH43	Ambepussa-Kurunegala-Trincomalee (A6) Road from Kurunegala to Ambepussa AH Section No.11	35.0	Class II	
AH43	Colombo – Kandy Road (A1) from Ambepussa to Kadawatta AH Section No.12	42.0	Class II	
AH43	Colombo – Kandy Road (A1) from Kadawatta to Colombo AH Section No.13	17.0	Class I	

Current status of the AH Network

Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH43	Colombo – Galle- Hambantota Road (A2) from Colombo to Panadura AH Section No.14	27.0	Class I	
AH43	Colombo – Galle- Hambantota Road (A2) from Panadura to Kalutara AH Section No.15	16.0	Class I & ClassII	
AH43	Colombo – Galle- Hambantota Road (A2) from Kalutara to Galle AH Section No.16	72.0	ClassII	

Current status of the AH Network

Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH43	Colombo – Galle- Hambantota Road (A2) from Galle to Matara AH Section No.17	45.0	ClassII	

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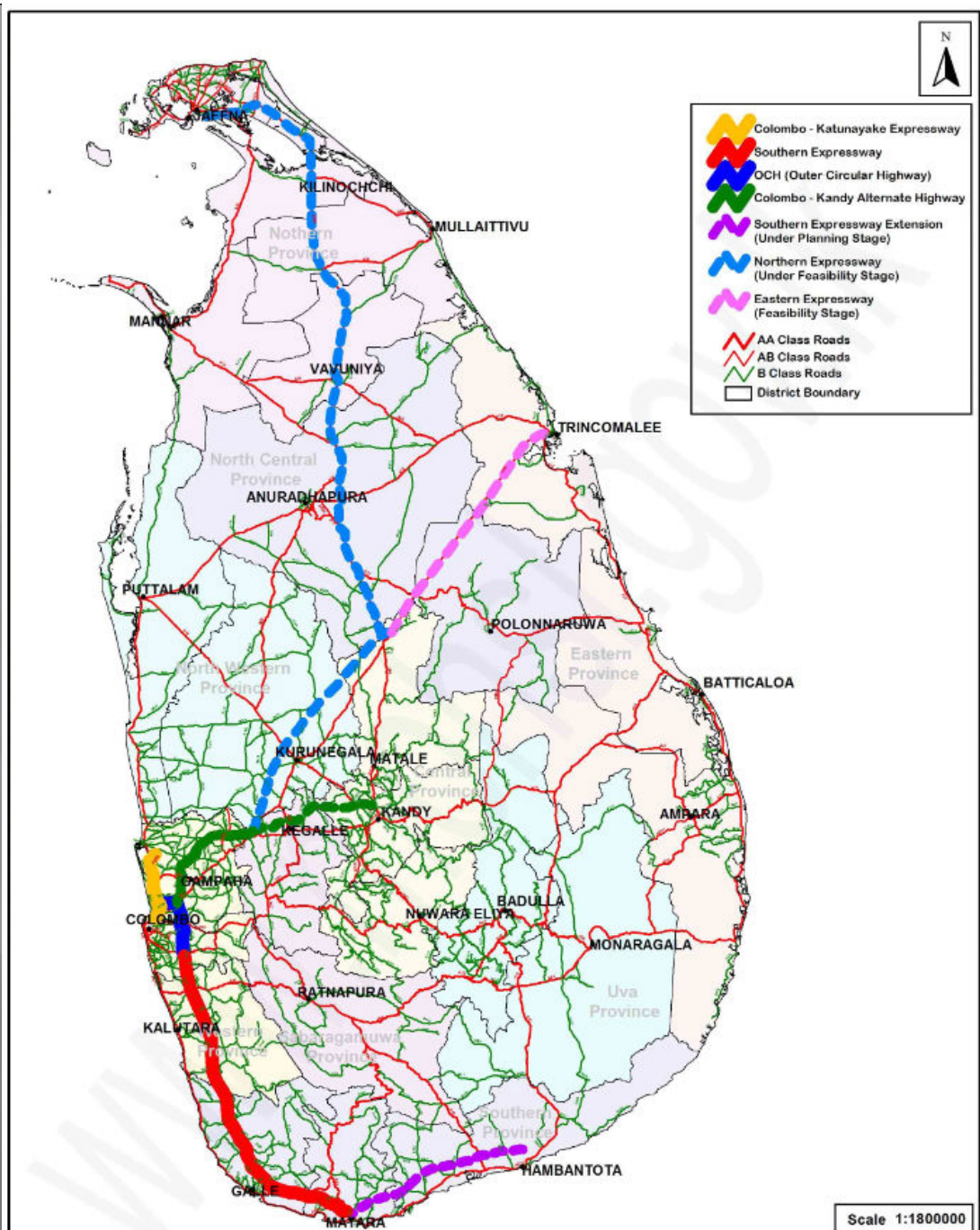
Route No	Description of Section	Length km	Classification	Remarks
AH44	Ambepussa-Kurunegala-Trincomalee (A6) Road from Dambulla to Habarana AH Section No.1	23.0	Class II	Rehabilitation works Completed in 2012
AH44	Ambepussa-Kurunegala-Trincomalee (A6) Road from Habarana to Kantale AH Section No.2	47.0	Class II	Rehabilitation works Completed in 2012
AH44	Ambepussa-Kurunegala-Trincomalee (A6) Road from Kantale to Trincomalee AH Section No.3	37.0	Class II	Rehabilitation works Completed in 2012

Major on-going projects on AH routes

Route	Itinerary	Length of Section km	Upgradation that are being undertaken	Cost US\$ (million)
AH43	Colombo – Galle- Hambantota Road (A2) from Maliban Junction to Nalluruwa part of AH Section No.14 and part of AH Section No.15	10.27	Rehabilitation with asphalt concrete overlay and construction of foot walks under the World Bank funded Road Sector Assistance Project	14.4

Future Projects

Route	Itinerary	Length of Section km	Upgradation that are being undertaken	Cost US\$ (million)
AH43	Ambepussa-Kurunegala-Trincomalee (A6) Road from Ambepussa to Galewela AH Section No.11 and part of AH Section No.8 on AH43	75.11	Rehabilitation with asphalt concrete surfacing. Improved with 4 lanes and centre median in town areas	80
AH43	Ambepussa-Kurunegala-Trincomalee (A6) Road from Galewela to Dambulla AH Section No. 8 on AH43	14	Rehabilitation with asphalt concrete surfacing	16.3
AH43	Colombo – Kandy Road (A1) from Nittambuwa to Kadawatta part of AH Section No.12	23	Rehabilitation with asphalt concrete surfacing and widening to four (4) lane standards with centre median, cycle lanes and footwalks	53.50
AH43	Colombo – Kandy Road (A1) from Kadawatta to Colombo part of AH Section No.13	7.24	Rehabilitation with asphalt concrete overlay construction of centre median and footwalks	14



Proposed Expressway Network in Sri Lanka

Future Plans

- ▣ **Final Goal**

- **To bring the entire Asian Highway network Sri Lanka to four lane standards**
- **Ensure safety**

Constraints

- ▣ Problems in land acquisition

Recent Developments

- ▣ Southern Expressway from Colombo to Galle (95.28 km) is in operation since November 2011. Construction of Southern Expressway from Galle to Matara (30 km) is nearing completion. These two sections of the Southern Expressway are parallel to the Colombo – Galle - Matara section of the Asian Highway (AH43).
- ▣ Action is being taken to commence construction of Northern Expressway – Phase I which will connect Colombo with major cities Kandy and Kurunegala. This will be an alternative route for sections of the Asian Highway AH43 from Kurunegala to Colombo
- ▣ An outer ring road to Colombo city which is named as “Outer Circular Highway” is being constructed; this will serve as a by-pass road for the traffic from the Northern part of the country towards the Southern part of the country on AH43 avoiding traffic congestion within Colombo city.

Recent Developments

- ▣ Action is being taken to extend the Southern Expressway by another 96km up to Hambantota. Construction works are scheduled to be commenced shortly.