

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1314  
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MAINTENANCE OF NEWLY DECLARED NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
BHERU LAL MEENA

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to take the responsibility of upkeep and maintenance of works of the newly declared National Highways under the World Bank sponsored State Highway Projects; and

(b) if so, the details of work likely to be started thereon alongwith the names of the States which have been taken up on priority basis for the said highways?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b) The Central Government becomes responsible for the maintenance of newly declared National Highways after these are handed over by the States to the Central Government. This shall also be applicable to state highways being developed under World Bank sponsored project and declared as new National Highways.