

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4977
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USE OF RUBBERISED BITUMEN
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any strategy to use rubberised bitumen in road construction as recommended by Indian Road Congress;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have issued directives to all State Governments to use the material at least in 10 per cent of the road works;
- (d) if so, whether these directives has been implemented by the States;and
- (e) if not, the measures to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI)

- (a) Government have formulated strategy to use rubber/polymer modified bitumen in road construction.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Directives have been issued to use modified bitumen in atleast 10% length of periodical renewal and also on project works on National Highways.
- (d) Implementation of the directives is a continuous process. Presently, provision of rubber/polymer modified bitumen surfacing has been sanctioned on 1541 kilometer length of National Highways in various States, out of which works on 793 kilometer length have been completed.
- (e) Does not arise.