

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

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CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the pathetic condition of the National Highways after the flood and drought every year and the inadequate funds for the maintenance of National Highways all over the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal pending with the Government for allocation of more funds to the States for better maintenance of National Highways; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Repairs to damaged sections of National Highways due to floods and other reasons are attended to expeditiously through the State PWD or the maintaining agency and the roads are restored in traffic worthy condition. Government has also initiated the programme for improvement of Riding Quality of existing National Highways since 1999 to supplement maintenance effort. Riding Quality of about 29,000 kms has so far been improved. Riding Quality of the balance length of National Highways is targeted to be improved within the next two years. During the year 2002-03 the assessment of funds for repairs to National Highways due to flood damages was Rs. 258.64 crore, against which funds to the tune of Rs.88.50 crore could be allocated keeping in view the availability of funds and inter-se-priority.

The requirement and allocation of funds for maintenance of National Highways during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Requirement (Rs. in Crores)	Allocation of Funds (Rs. in crores)
2000-2001	1350.00	702.50
2001-2002	2000.00	725.00
2002-2003	2000.00	702.56