

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:203
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3487 on April 17, 2000 and state:

(a) the full details of the programme formulated to bring quality in the repairing work of the National Highways in a phased manner under the special repairing programme; and

(b) the time by which the work under the above programme is likely to be completed in Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 203 for answer on 7.8.2000 by Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi and Shri Sunder Lal Tiwari regarding Maintenance of National Highways.

(a) & (b) A special repair programme for improving the riding quality (IRQP) of National Highways was approved in 1999-2000 for a length of about 3700 km. at an estimated cost of Rs. 573 crore. However, the work could be completed for a length of about 2400 km. at a cost of Rs. 362 crore. The balance works are targeted to be completed during the current financial year.

Further, improvement in the riding quality covering an additional length of about 5500 km. at an estimated cost of about Rs. 900 crore is targeted to be completed by March, 2001. It is planned to improve riding quality of the entire National Highway network including those in Madhya Pradesh in a phased manner by March, 2003. This is subject to availability of resources. Use of hot mix plants and pavers is being insisted for all such works for ensuring proper quality.