

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:391

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DIVERSION OF FUNDS RELEASED FOR MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of India have some policy in regard to tackling the problem of diversion of funds to other heads by the State Governments which are released by the Union Government to them for maintenance of National Highways ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have received complaints regarding diversion of funds in respect of various States and particularly Assam;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (e) the total amount released to Assam for maintenance and repair of National Highways during 1999-2000 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) & (b): Funds to the States are allocated under the reimbursement procedure and diversification of funds is not possible.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): An amount of Rs.3420.00 lakhs and Rs.2000.00 lakhs was allocated for Maintenance & Repair and Special Repair Programme respectively to the State of Assam during 1999-2000.