

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5813
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PROPER UTILISATION OF SPACE/LAND BELOW OVERBRIDGES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that overbridges are constructed on many national highways and the space/land below the overbridges remains unutilised;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to hand over the unutilized space/land to the concerned Municipalities for proper utilisation of the same;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reason therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d): The Ministry has issued guidelines for utilisation of space beneath Road Over Bridges / Flyovers on National Highways in December, 1993. According to these guidelines Public Works Department of State Governments who act as agencies for National Highways works would have the first preference for utilisation of this space. In case the Public Works Department has no plan to utilise this space, other Government agencies may be permitted to utilise this space for warehousing purpose, with first priority given to Central Government Department Undertaking. There is no proposal to hand over the unutilised space to the concerned Municipalities, however, they can also be permitted to utilise the space in conformity with the guidelines.