

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

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CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage of National Highways in the country which are in badly damaged state;
- (b) the percentage of the roads out of the above which are single lane roads and the names of the States in which these roads are in a particularly bad shape;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment and taken any steps in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total length of National Highways in Kilometres in the country and the percentage this length bears to the total length of roads in the country;
- (f) the percentage of works of construction of roads completed so far under the allocations made for the road project in the Tenth Plan;
- (g) the details in this regard; and
- (h) the number of National Highways on which the works has not been completed during the year 2004-2005 within the stipulated time frame?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The National Highways including single-lane National Highways are being kept in traffic worthy conditions within the available resources.

(c) & (d) The assessment of damages to the National Highways is a continuous process. Based on the regular assessment of damages to National Highways, the repairs/remedial measures, both immediate and long-term, are taken up within the available resources and inter-se priority.

(e) The total road network of India is about 3.3 millions km., of which National Highways length at present is 65,569 km. The National Highways constitutes about 2% of the total road network of the country.

(f) & (g) The approved 10th Five Year (2002-07) Plan outlay for the Central Sector Roads is Rs.59,490 Crore. The priority project during the Tenth Plan (2002-07) is completion of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-I and II comprising of 4/6-laning of about 14279 km of National Highways. Out of this about 5760 km length has been 4-laned so far till 31st March, 2005, which is 40.50% of the total length.

Apart from NHDP Phase-I & II, for other National Highway sections against the targets envisaged during the Tenth Plan (2002-07), 110.5% of improvement of riding quality, 94.3% of strengthening of existing weak pavement, 46.5% of widening of single lane to two-lanes have been completed till 31st March, 2005.

(h) For National Highway sections falling under National Highways Development Projects (NHDP) Phase-I & II, 2349 km of 4-laning have been completed against a targeted length of 2896 km during 2004-05. For National Highway sections other than NHDP Phase-I & II, 583 numbers of works on various National Highways have been completed against a target of 648 numbers of works during the year 2004-05.