

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

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AGENCIES INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY

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

- (a) the names of the different agencies through which the Government executes the construction, maintenance and repair works of the National Highways in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has done any comparative study of the performance of the different agencies with respect to cost involved, time taken, quality output etc. for the same type of work;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether different works on some stretches of NHs in the country are being executed directly by the Ministry;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to use the technical competence of the Ministry's officers by involving them in the execution of the works and further by setting up more PIUs headed by Ministry's own officers in order to reduce the multiple layers of responsibility in different types of National Highways Works;
- (h) if so, the details thereof;
- (i) whether the Government proposes to execute the National Highway works on some stretches like Pasraha Zone(NH-31) in Bihar, directly by the Ministry's officers; and
- (j) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Ministry executes the construction, maintenance and repair works of the National Highways through the State Governments concerned, Border Roads Organisation(BRO) and National Highways Authority of India(NHA).
- (b) to (d) No Sir. The works of National Highway Development Project(NHDP) comprises mainly 4/6 laning of National Highways with higher specification. The works on National Highways in difficult and border areas have been entrusted to the BRO. The works on balance length of National Highways are being implemented by the State Governments. These are not comparable with respect to cost, time taken to complete the project and quality of the work.
- (e) & (f) Only construction of four bridges in replacement of existing causeways on NH-74 in Uttaranchal has been implemented through a PIU consisting of the Ministry's officers and recently construction of another four bridges in replacement of the existing causeways on NH-72 between Dehradun and Pounta Sahib has been entrusted to the same PIU.
- (g) & (h) There is no such proposal for implementation of further works by the PIUs by this Ministry.
- (i) & (j) As per policy of the Ministry, improvement works in Pasraha Zone on NH-31 in Bihar has been recently sanctioned by the Ministry for implementation by the State Government. Execution of such works through PIU of the Ministry is not contemplated.