

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3089  
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MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN PUNJAB  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has approached Central Government to enhance the annual assistance from Rs.18 crore to Rs.40 crore for maintenance of 1430 km long National Highways in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) The Government of Punjab has approached the Central Government to enhance the annual assistance for maintenance of National Highways entrusted to them, to Rs.40 crores.

(b) National Highways in Punjab constitute nearly 3% length of National Highways in the country, excluding the recently declared National Highways. The Maintenance and Repairs Fund allocated to Punjab is Rs.19.09 crores, which is also nearly 3% of overall allocation of fund made to all States. Because of paucity of funds, allocation to Punjab cannot be increased to Rs.40 crores.