

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

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LACK OF FACILITIES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether facilities such as lighting and ambulances etc. on the National Highways are lacking;
- (b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted to identify the lack of road facilities;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Ambulances to States/UTs and Non-Governmental organizations are provided under National Highways Accidental Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) also deploys an ambulance at an average interval of 50 km of National Highways under Operational and Maintenance and Build, Operate and Transfer contracts on the completed stretches of National Highways. Similarly, NHAI has a policy of providing wayside amenities at each 50 km along National Highways. However, no specific survey has been conducted to identify lack of such services on National Highways.

Normally, it is not the policy of Ministry to provide light on National Highways as the vehicular traffic moves under their own light.