

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

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ACTION PLAN OF NHAI FOR TRUCK DRIVERS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action plan has been prepared by the National Highways Authority of India to save the truck drivers plying on the National Highways from the menace of AIDS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount allocated for the implementation of the said action plan?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) along NH-2 (Delhi-Kolkata), NH-28 (Lucknow –Muzaffarpur) NH-26 and NH-7 (Lalitpur to Anantpur-Andhra Pradesh/Karnataka Border) and NH-76 and NH-25 (Chittorgarh-Jhansi). Presently, four NGOs have been awarded contracts for implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign along NH-28 (Lucknow-Muzaffarpur).

(c) Presently, the NHAI's HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Programme is being implemented as part of loan commitments to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) along the identified stretches as mentioned in replies to parts (a) and (b) of the question. The estimated expenditure in this respect is around US \$ 4.32 million (Rupees 19.44 crores approximately).