

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

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COMPLAINTS REGARDING DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF ROADS

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

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(a) whether the Union Government has received complaints regarding dilapidated condition of roads in different parts of the country under National Highway Development Programme (NHDP);

(b) if so, the total number of complaints received, State-wise, alongwith the mechanism to dispose of such complaints and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and spent on repair and maintenance of National Highways during the last three years including the current year and the progress made as a result thereof, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) No stretch of National Highways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) is in a dilapidated condition. However, complaints are being received from time to time regarding bad condition of various roads under NHDP. Large number of complaints regarding bad condition of roads were due to damage to roads during heavy rains and poor maintenance owing to non-performance of contractors.

Steps have been taken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to address this situation including carrying out urgent repair work, re-surfacing, termination of contract of non performing contractors and re-awarding the work etc. Provisions have been made in the operation & maintenance contracts to ensure that road is made traffic worthy and serviceable. Flood damage repair is also undertaken as and when required.

(c) The details of fund allocated and spent on repair and maintenance of National Highways during the last three years including the current year, State-wise and year-wise, are given in Annexure.