

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

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POOR CONNECTIVITY OF ROADS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the connectivity of roads in various States is very poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to improve connectivity of roads in their respective States;
- (d) whether the Central assistance for improving road connectivity to various State Governments is provided; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NH) network in the country. The connectivity by NHs in the States are developed and maintained within available resources as per the availability of funds, traffic volume and inter-se priority. The connectivity of State Roads other than National Highways is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. This Ministry has not made any requests to the State Governments for improving connectivity of State roads.
- (d) and (e) During the year 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 1565.32 crore was allocated to the States/ Union Territories (UTs) from the Central Road Fund (CRF) for development of State Roads and Rs. 173.93 crore was allocated to the State/UTs for development of Roads of Inter- State connectivity and Economic Importance. In addition to the above, an allocation of Rs. 41 crore was made for improvement of Duburi-Brahmanipal-Harichandanpur-Naranpur State Road in Orissa and for Mughal Road in Jammu & Kashmir during 2007-08.