

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

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

- (a) the current status of the ongoing research in connection with the construction of rubberised roads in the country alongwith funds earmarked and spent so far;
- (b) whether the government proposes to construct such roads in the country; and
- (c) if so , the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) Ministry has no on-going Research Scheme on construction of rubberized roads in the Country. However, currently Ministry's Research Scheme "R-85-Investigation of the field performance of the Bituminous Mixes with Modified Binders" is in progress in the State of Karnataka.This Research Scheme includes the performance evaluation of various bituminous mixes like bituminous mixes with Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB) and Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB) etc.The sanctioned cost of this Research Scheme is Rs. 37.5 lakh. The expenditure incurred so far by the Ministry on this Research Scheme is Rs. 30 lakh.

(b) &(c) Guidelines have been issued providing for the use of bitumen with modified binders like CRMB, PMB etc. in the top wearing course on the National Highways of the Country, and these are being provided in the Country on National Highways having heavy traffic.