

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

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REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the repair and maintenance of National Highways in the country are not upto the prescribed standard;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to raise the grants for the same on the basis of the actual execution costs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the funds allocated/released and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) to (d): The non-plan allocations that are annually provided by the Ministry of Finance to this Ministry for Maintenance & Repair (M&R) of National Highways (NHs) are of the order of about 40% of the actual requirements as per the Ministry's stipulated norms based on the Report of the Committee on Norms for Maintenance of Roads in India, published in 2001. Accordingly, the M&R of NHs are carried out annually as per availability of funds, extent of damages, inter-se priority, spill over liabilities of works sanctioned during previous financial year, etc. to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions. However, it is not always possible to carry out maintenance of NHs as per requirements due to limited availability of funds. This Ministry has taken up the issue of enhancing the allocations for M&R of NHs with the Ministry of Finance. However, at present there is no proposal to raise the allocation.

(e): The State wise details of the allocations of funds and expenditure incurred for M&R of NHs during each of the last three years and the current year are annexed.