GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2383 ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009 CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN THE COUNTRY Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausaheb;Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

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

(a) the number and details of National Highways in the country at present alongwith their condition State-wise;

(b) the number and details of national Highways required to be repaired;

(c) whether proposals have been received from the State Governments regarding construction of new National Highways and repair of existing ones, State-wise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The State-wise details of the number of National Highways (NHs) and their total length are at Annexure-I. The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and accordingly all the NHs in the country are being kept in traffic worthy condition within the available resources, depending upon traffic density and inter-se priority of works.

(c) and (d) The State-wise details of proposals received from the State Governments for declaration of new NHs are at Annexure-II. Keeping in view the limited availability of resources, at present emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as NHs instead of declaring more roads as NHs. The State-wise details of proposals received from the State Governments during 2009-10 for Periodical Renewal (PR) of the NH stretches is at Annexure-III. These proposals are under various stages of sanction as per availability of funds and inter-se priority. No proposals for sanction of estimates for Flood Damage Repair (FDR) works have been received so far during 2009-10. However, necessary temporary measures for restoration of the stretches of NHs damaged due to rain/floods, etc. in traffic worthy condition are in different stages of progress.