

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

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CONSTRUCTION QUALITY OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the manner in which the Government/NHAI monitor the quality of material used in the construction of National Highways conform to the standard fixed in this regard;
- (b) whether there are reports that material being used for construction of National Highways No. 25 in Uttar Pradesh does not conform to such standards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government/NHAI has any mechanism of surprise check to examine the quality of material used for road construction;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) All National Highway Development Projects (NHDP) are constructed as per quality standards specified in Indian Roads Congress (IRC) / Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRT&H) specification. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has appointed supervision/independent consultants who closely monitor the quality of construction through regular checks and tests. Besides, quality of construction is also closely monitored by field officers of Project implementation Units of NHAI on the site.
- (b) & (c) Some reports about the sub-standard quality of construction materials used for construction of NH-25 were received. On examination it was found that materials used conformed to standard specification.
- (d) to (f) Vigilance Division of NHAI conduct surprise checks to examine the quality of material used in road construction. Such checks are conducted at construction sites without prior information to the field officers as well as contractors and the samples of materials collected are tested independently.