

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

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NHAIS PLAN FOR TRUCK DRIVERS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action plan has been prepared by the National Highways Authority of India on AIDS awareness among the truck drivers frequenting the National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the required funds have been allocated for the implementation of the above mentioned action plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been implementing Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) /AIDS awareness programme under Lucknow-Muzaffarpur National Highway Project (LMNHP) on NH-28. The truck drivers are one of the stakeholders of this ongoing programme. This programme is being funded from loan component of LMNHP World Bank Loan No. 4764-IN. For implementation of this programme NHAI has appointed four Non- governmental Organisations (NGOs) viz, M/s Lokarpit; M/s Gramin Mahila Kalyan Sansthan; M/s Advantage India and M/s Asia Society for Entrepreneurship & Development. NHAI is also seeking assistance from National Aids Control Organisation (NACO) to extend such programme on other stretches under NHDP.