

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3270
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2009
INSPECTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Danve Shri Raosaheb Patil

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

- (a) whether the National Highways are inspected periodically;
- (b) if so, the periodicity of such inspection and the details of the NHs inspected during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether large section of many National Highways particularly Highway No. 181 is in a dilapidated state and needs widening/repairing;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the reasons for not carrying out timely repairs/widening work on the Highways;
- (f) whether any investigation conducted in this regard;
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the steps taken for early commencement/completion of work on this NHs?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir, the National Highways are inspected periodically.
- (b) There is no fixed periodicity. They are inspected frequently depending on the necessity of development and maintenance works, by Officers of this Ministry and the executing agencies such as State Governments, Border Roads organisation and National Highways Authority of India. Though the details of the inspections are not maintained in each and every case, the required improvements to the National Highways are attended to based on the inspections.
- (c) to (h) The Government has not declared any road as National Highway 181. The National Highways are generally maintained in a traffic worthy condition. The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon the availability of funds and inter-se-priority, after necessary surveys, investigations and inspections.