

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

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REPAIRING MAINTENANCE OF NHS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has constituted a committee to identify the reasons impeding the timely repair/maintenance of National Highways (NHs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the poor maintenance of NHs has led to serious accidents particularly after the monsoon season;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government for timely repair/ maintenance of the National Highways; and
- (f) the details of the targets fixed by the Government for increasing the network of the National Highways during 2010-11?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): This Ministry constituted a Committee in March, 2009 to review the existing procedure for allocation of funds and sanction of estimates for Maintenance & Repair (M&R) of National Highways (NHs). The Committee submitted its report in February, 2010. Review of the recommendations of the Committee has been taken up by the Ministry.

(c) to (e): This Ministry has no information relating to the variation in the rate of accidents on NHs on account of its condition. However, as per latest available statistics in "Road Accidents in India: 2008" published by the Ministry, a total of about 4,84,704 numbers of road accidents occurred during 2008, in which about 1,19,860 persons were killed and about 5,23,193 persons were injured. Out of this, about 6,095 numbers of road accidents occurred due to defects in road conditions killing about 2,106 persons and injuring about 6,623 persons and about 4,030 numbers of road accidents occurred due to weather conditions killing about 1,386 persons and injuring about 4,434 persons.

The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and the NHs in the country are being kept in traffic worthy condition within the available resources based upon the assessment of their conditions, depending upon traffic density and inter-se priority of works.

(f): The Government has not fixed any target for expansion of NH network during 2010-11. However, expansion of NH network is a continuous process and declaration of new NH is taken up from time to time depending upon condition of road, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.