

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

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PASSING THROUGH TRIBAL AREAS

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

- (a) the details of the National Highways (NHs) passing through the tribal areas in the country, including Gujarat;
- (b) the funds allotted and disbursed by the Union Government to the State Governments for maintenance of the NHs during 2008-09 and 2009-10 so far;
- (c) the funds which remained unutilised in various States, State-wise alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received proposals/ requests from various State Governments for development and improvement of NHs during the said period till date; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a): The development and improvement of National Highways (NHs) are not taken up on the basis of demographic or regional patterns in the country and this Ministry gives priority for the same in the entire country and as such the details of NHs situated in the tribal areas are not maintained.

(b) and (c): The State / Union Territory (UT) wise details of funds allocated by the Ministry for maintenance and repair (M&R) of NHs during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 and funds remaining unutilized are annexed. Some of the States could not utilize the entire allocations during 2008-09 and 2009-10 mainly due to delay in regularization of expenditures incurred in carrying out Flood Damage Repair (FDR) works.

(d) and (e): The Ministry receives several proposals from the State Governments for development and improvement of NHs during each financial year. However, the sanction of estimates for works are generally restricted to certain specific limits based upon the availability of funds, condition of roads and inter-se priority of works, etc. The year-wise details of the estimates sanctioned for development of NHs based upon such proposals received from the State Governments during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as follows:-

Year Details of estimates sanctioned

Total numbers Amount (Rs. Crore)

2008-09 822 6,372.54

2009-10 729 9,415.82

During 2010-11, so far 434 proposals amounting to about Rs. 13,749.62 crore have been received from various State Governments and UTs. Out of this, 145 proposals amounting to Rs. 5,985.86 crore have been sanctioned so far.