

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

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POLICY FOR MAINTENANCE OF ROADS/NHS

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

(a) whether the Government has a uniform policy for maintenance of existing roads/National Highways during construction/expansion/conversion phase of four laning/six laning by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI);

(b) if so, the salient features of the said policy;

(c) whether complaints have been received that some NHs are not being maintained as prescribed standards by NHAI;

(d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise alongwith the reasons therefor;

(e) whether NHAI is not in a position to maintain and develop the Jaipur- Delhi Road (NH-8) and other NH roads as per the prescribed standard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) The Maintenance & repair of national highways is a continuous process. On completed sections maintenance & repair is carried out by Operation & Maintenance contractors/Operate, Maintain and Transfer (OMT) concessionaires/ Built Operate and Transfer (BOT) concessionaires. In stretches under implementation, the maintenance is carried out by the contractor/concessionaire as part of their obligations in the contract. Stretches entrusted to NHAI where work is yet to start are maintained either directly by NHAI or through concerned state PWD.

(c) & (d) No Madam. Complaints are generally received regarding bad condition of roads under NHDP from time to time at different offices of NHAI all over the country. Reasons for bad conditions of roads are normal wear and tear, damages caused due to floods, heavy rains & overloading of vehicles etc.

(e) & (f) No Madam. NH-8 between Gurgaon –Kottputli- Jaipur is being six laned under NHDP Phase-V. Work is under progress and the stretch is being maintained in traffic worthy condition by the BOT Concessionaire.