

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:91

ANSWERED ON:28.11.2011

REPAIRING AND MAINTENANCE OF NHS

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

- (a) the total number of National Highways (NHs) in the country, State/ Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the details of NHs which are in a dilapidated condition and need to be repaired, State/UT-wise and NH-wise alongwith the proposals received in this regard during the last three years;
- (c) the details of NHs repaired during the same period alongwith the details of funds allocated/utilized, State UT-wise;
- (d) whether any time limit has been prescribed and agreements entered into with contractors in respect of maintenance/repair of the newly constructed NHs;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether complaints have been received in regard to non-adherence of prescribed standards set by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for maintenance/repair of NHs; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/UT-wise alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI C. P. JOSHI)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 91 FOR ANSWER ON 28.11.2011 ASKED BY SHRI MAROTRAO SAINUJI KOWASE AND SHRI MANSUKH BHAI D. VASAVA REGARDING REPAIRING AND MAINTENANCE OF NHs

(a) The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of National Highways (NHs) in the country are at Annexure-I.

(b) and (c) The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is being carried out through the executive agencies such as respective State Public Works Departments (PWDs), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Border Roads organization (BRO). The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. Periodic assessments of the conditions of NHs are being carried out by the executive agencies and all 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.

Accordingly, Maintenance & Repair (M&R) works were carried out on all the NHs during last three years as per availability of funds and inter-se priority of works.

The State/UT-wise details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for M&R of NHs during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-II.

(d) and (e) Completed sections of public funded stretches of NHs under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are maintained through Operation & Maintenance Contracts (O&M) or long term Operation – Maintenance - Toll (OMT) concessions. O&M contracts are short term contracts, generally for a period of one year. These are item rate contracts. Supervision is carried out by Supervision Consultants. Under OMT concept, maintenance is awarded to a concessionaire for a period of 4 or 9 years. The concessionaire collects toll and provides O&M services throughout the concession period. The performance of the Concessionaires is monitored by the Independent Engineer.

(f) and (g) The State-wise details of complaints received by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) regarding non-adherence of prescribed standards for M&R of NHs along with the action taken are at Annexure-III.