

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

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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 formulated any policy regarding maintenance of roads during the construction period of roads that are being converted into four/six lanes by NHA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether maintenance of NH-8 (Delhi-Jaipur) and roads in Karnataka is being done according to the laid-down norms;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any special financial assistance has been provided to Karnataka for repair and maintenance of NHs damaged due to recent rains; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a)and(b) For the stretches of NHs where 4/6 laning works are under implementation by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the maintenance of existing roads is being carried out by the Contractor/ Concessionaire as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement.

(c)and(d) The maintenance of Delhi-Jaipur section of NH-8 and other NH stretches in the State of Karnataka in which concessions have been awarded under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are being carried out as per laid down norms and conditions specified in the concession agreement.

(e)and(f) Keeping in view the limited availability of funds for Maintenance & Repair (M&R) of NHs an allocation of Rs. 1.88 crore has been made to the State of Karnataka during 2011-12 Budget Estimate (BE) for temporary restoration of damages due to recent floods, rains etc. to keep the NHs in a traffic worthy condition. Further to this an amount of Rs. 0.25 crore has also been released by NHAI to the Hubli NH Division of Karnataka State Public Works Department for taking up minimum repair works of Belgaum-Goa/Karnataka Border section of NH-4A, which was damaged due to recent rains.