

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:355  
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2009  
MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
Joshi Shri Mahesh

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

- (a) whether the Government is satisfied with the level of maintenance of National Highways carried out by National Highways Authority of India, contractors / concessionaires etc. who have been entrusted with maintenance works;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether any special drive undertaken for maintenance of National Highways during the monsoon season; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (c) Maintenance of National Highways carried out by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and its Contractor/Concessionaire is generally satisfactory and the same is carried out by the contractors/concessionaires as a part of their obligations under the contract/concession agreement. Reply to parts (d) & (e) alongwith details regarding funds released during the last three years and current year are given in Annexure, which is laid on the Table of the House.

Annex

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 355 FOR ANSWER ON 28.7.2009 ASKED BY DR. MAHESH JOSHI REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(i) Reply to parts (d) & (e): Necessary preventive / precautionary measures are taken to be in a state of preparedness to meet any eventuality arising out of heavy rains and floods during the monsoon season. These measures include cleaning of drains, inspection of cross drainage works to ensure no obstruction in water way, repair of embankment, ensuring no material/loose soil is dumped on roads, increasing liaison /coordination with district administration, proper demarcation of excavation works etc.

(ii) FUNDS RELEASED TO STATE PWDS AND CONTRACTORS FOR MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(Rs. in Crore)

No. Year Funds Released

1	2006-2007	234.87
2	2007-2008	442.36
3	2008-2009	521.05
4	2009-2010	156.08

(up to  
June, 2009)