

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:65
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2012
MAINTENANCE OF NHS
Kaswan Shri Ram Singh

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the unsatisfactory condition of the National Highways (NHs) in various parts of the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details of such road stretches on NHs;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the factors responsible for the damage caused to the National Highways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government for proper maintenance and repair of the National Highways alongwith the funds allocated/utilised for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, NH-wise?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 65 FOR ANSWER ON 19.03.2012 ASKED BY SHRI RAM SINGH KASWAN REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF NHs

(a) to (e) The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process. Periodic assessments of the conditions of NHs are being carried out by the executive agencies for taking up remedial measures taking note of the type and extent of damages. The factors responsible for damages caused to the NHs are mainly inadequate pavement compositions, lack of timely strengthening and renewal of wearing surface, overloading of vehicles, limited available allocation of funds, climatic factors, etc. Accordingly, the NHs in the country are being kept in traffic worthy condition from time to time within the available resources based upon the assessment of their conditions depending upon traffic density and inter-se priority of works.

Allocations of funds for M&R of NHs are not made NH-wise. The State/Union Territory (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 is annexed.

The Ministry endeavors to ensure optimum utilization of the available funds for maintenance by allocating funds on the basis of length of NH network and the condition of the NHs.