

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding poor maintenance of Highways, particularly NH-1;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being adopted for the speedy improvement of all the Highways?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a to c) Complaints have been received from time to time regarding some sections of National Highways including bad condition of NH-1 from km. 16.5 to 29.3. The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process and the NHs in the country are being kept in traffic worthy condition within the available resources, depending upon traffic density and inter-se priority of works. Action for restoration of the stretches of NHs damaged in various states due to floods, rains, etc., are accordingly taken up from time to time to keep such stretches in traffic worthy conditions. The maintenance of existing roads are carried out by the Contractor/Concessionaire, to keep them in traffic worthy condition, as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement wherever 4/6 laning works are under implementation under National Highways Development Project (NHDP). The maintenance of existing stretches of NHs entrusted to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) are carried out either directly by NHAI or through the concerned State Public Works Departments (PWDs) with funds provided by NHAI in case the works of improvement to 4/6 laning have not yet started in such sections. All such NHs are maintained in traffic worthy conditions as per availability of funds traffic density, extent of damages and inter-se priority.