

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

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DAMAGE CAUSED BY NATURAL CALAMITIES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether stretches of various National Highways in different parts of the country including Tamil Nadu have got damaged due to last year heavy monsoon/natural calamities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to repair all the stretches of NHs which were damaged due to natural calamities including rain and floods;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the project; and
- (e) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) and (b) The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of the damages caused to National Highways (NHs) due to heavy monsoon/natural calamities that occurred during 2011-12 in different parts of the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu, are annexed.

(c) to (e) The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. 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. Keeping in view limited availability of funds under Maintenance & Repair (M&R) during 2011-12 and as per the assessments made of damages to NH stretches due to monsoon / natural calamities during 2011-12, it has been programmed to sanction works amounting to about Rs 149 crore for carrying out immediate repair works. The target for completion of these works is March, 2013.

Besides, the maintenance of existing stretches of NHs, where works are under implementation by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), is being carried out by the Contractor / Concessionaire as part of their obligations under contract / concession agreement. In case of sections entrusted to NHAI, where works have not yet started, the maintenance of existing roads are being carried out by NHAI directly or through State Public Works Departments (PWDs) with funds provided by NHAI. During 2011-12, NHAI has released about Rs 449.40 crore so far to various State PWDs and contractors for maintenance of NHs entrusted with NHAI, including repair of damages caused due to monsoon / natural calamities.