

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:416
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CONSUMPTION OF FUEL
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether dilapidated condition of National Highways have resulted in high consumption of fuel;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; (
- (c) the estimated value of additional petrol/diesel which gets consumed in a year due to poor condition of road; and
- (d) the corrective action taken in the matter?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. The National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy condition depending upon availability of funds and inter se priority.
- (b) to (d) Government has undertaken number of initiatives to improve the condition of National Highways by way of strengthening, widening, geometric improvements etc. to reduce vehicle operating cost due to poor condition of roads.Improvement and maintenance of NHs are a continuing process. Estimation of additional petrol/diesel which gets consumed in a year due to poor condition of the road will depend on many factors such as the total number of vehicles using the road, speed of the vehicles, driving habits of the driver, overloading of the vehicle, pricing of petrol/diesel, etc. Hence no estimation could be done.