

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6104
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2012
NH-34
Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan

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

- (a) whether there are deep potholes on the entire stretch of National Highway (NH)-34, the arterial road connecting north of Bengal to Kolkata;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government for repair of the said NH and the details of funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (c) the present status of repair works on this highway and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

- (a): Yes, Madam. The stretch of NH-34 from Kolkata to Dalkhola has developed some distresses including potholes in isolated stretches due to inadequate existing pavement crust and heavy traffic plying through this NH.
- (b): The stretch has been awarded for 4-laning on BOT (Toll)/(Annuity) basis. An amount of Rs. 50.00 crore has been allocated during 2011-12 by this Ministry for maintenance of the existing carriageway in traffic worthy condition.
- (c): The repair works in km 14.400 to 31.00 of Kolkata-Barasat section and km 115 to 193.00 of Barasat- Mankara section of NH-34 amounting to Rs.17.07 crore are in progress with target date of completion as June, 2012. The bids for repair work in km 31.00 to 115.00 were called for in January, 2012. However, the matter is sub judice. The stretch from km 193.00 to 452.75 is being maintained in traffic worthy condition by the respective concessionaires.