## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:659 ANSWERED ON:13.08.2012 REPAIRING AND MAINTENANCE OF NHS Adityanath Shri Yogi;Biju Shri P. K.;Ganpatrao Shri Jadhav Prataprao;Mahajan Smt. Sumitra;Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa;Singh Shri Bhupendra ;Singh Shri Mahabali;Singh Shri Ravneet

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

(a) the total number of NHs in the country alongwith their length in km, Statewise/UT-wise;

(b) the survey/study conducted by the Government with regard to road conditions/dilapidated NHs alongwith the details of NHs that are in a dilapidated condition, State-wise;

(c) the State-wise details of the proposals received for repairing of NHs/ roads in the country during the last three years and the current year including Kerala alongwith the funds released/ allocated for the purpose particularly for Maharashtra, Bihar and Punjab;

(d) the details of National Highways/roads repaired during the said period, Statewise/UT-wise;

(e) the State-wise details of complaints, if any, with regard to non-compliance of norms fixed by the Government for maintenance/ repairing of NHs alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon; and?

(f) the time-frame fixed for repairing of these NHs and the details of contract signed with the contractors in this regard?

## Answer

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

(a) The State/Union Territory-wise details of National Highways (NHs) in the country are at Annexure-I.

(b) to (f) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of NHs. The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. Periodic assessment of the condition of NHs is carried out by the executive agencies for taking up remedial measures keeping in view the type and extent of damages. Accordingly, the NHs in the country are being kept in traffic worthy condition from time to time within the available resources.

The funds for Maintenance & Repair (M&R) for NHs provided by the Ministry of Finance to this Ministry are of the order of about 40% of the actual requirement as per the Ministry's stipulated norms. Accordingly, it is not possible to allocate sufficient funds for M&R of NHs as per the requirement projected by the State Governments as per norms. 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. The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for M&R of NHs including the States of Maharashtra, Bihar and Punjabduring the last three years and the current year are atAnnexure-II.Complaints about poor condition of the NHs received are attended to within the available resources.