

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

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MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS .SHRI RAKESH SINGH

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the deplorable condition of various National Highways (NH) in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such National Highways which are in dilapidated condition, State/UT-wise particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the details of the proposals/requests received from various States including Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Odisha for repair of these National Highways during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise along with the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for maintenance and repair of National Highways during the said period, NH-wise and State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; and
- (e) whether the pace of progress of development and renovation of National Highways has slowed down during the period and if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken by the Government to accelerate the pace of the said works?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

- (a) and (b) The development and maintenance of National Highways (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 kept in traffic worthy condition from time to time within the available resources.
- (c) The State-wise details of the proposals received for maintenance of NHs including from the State of Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Odisha during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I.
- (d) The allocation of funds for Maintenance & Repair (M&R) of NHs is made State/Union Territory (UT)-wise not NH-wise. The State/UT-wise details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for (M&R) of NHs including for the States of Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-II.
- (e) The pace of progress of development of NHs has slowdown due to various problems, such as, delay in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environmental and forest clearances, approval for rail over bridges as well as shortage of skilled / semi-skilled manpower and economic slowdown. In order to expedite implementation of the projects, Regional Offices (ROs), headed by Chief General Manager (CGM) have been set up by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Powers have been delegated to the CGMs for expediting forest / environmental clearances and monitor land acquisition matters as well as implementation of projects. Special Land Acquisition units have also been set up to expedite land acquisition. The Chief Secretaries of State Governments have been nominated as Nodal Officer to expedite highway projects. Projects are also closely and periodically reviewed at Headquarters as well as field units.