

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

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REPAIRING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY
Purkayastha Shri Kabindra

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

- (a) whether the National Highway No. 44 connecting Barak Vally with Guwahati as well as the stretch from Jowai to Malidhar on this Highway is in dilapidated condition thereby causing a number of accidents;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to repair the said NH; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The stretches from Shillong to Jowai in the State of Meghalaya and Ratacherra to Assam/Tripura border in the State of Assam are in fair condition and the stretch from Jowai to Ratacherra in State of Meghalaya is in dilapidated condition. However this stretch of Jowai to Ratacherra is being maintained traffic worthy condition through routine maintenance. National Highways Authority of India (NHA) has awarded the work for 2-laning with paved shoulder from Jowai to Ratacherra of NH-44 under National Highways Development Project (NHDP)-Phase III in the State of Meghalaya. Development and maintenance of National Highway is a continuous process and this stretch is being improved to the NHs standard subject to inter se priority and availability of funds.