

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

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ANSWERED ON:19.08.2013

REPAIRING AND MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) whether the National Highways (NHs) passing through the State of Karnataka are being maintained by the National Highway Authority of India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has reimbursed the funds which were spent by the State Governments of Karnataka and Rajasthan on the repairing of NHs during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether direct handling of NHs is confined only to the State of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to revert to the old system or bring any modification in the existing practice being followed for maintenance of NHs in view of large number of complaints about the conditions of highways and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the tender of process for repairing of NH roads is very complex due to which contractors are leaving the projects midway and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) National Highways (NHs) entrusted with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is developed and maintained by them. The details of NHs stretches entrusted with the NHAI in the State of Karnataka are annexed.
- (b) The total expenditure incurred by the States of Karnataka and Rajasthan is Rs. 218.91 crore and Rs. 299.50 crore as against the allocation of Rs. 315.11 crore and 435.02 crore for Maintenance and Repair (M&R) of NHs during the last three year and the current year (upto June, 2013) respectively.
- (c) The development and maintenance works are being implemented on the agency basis. The State Governments (State PWDs), Border Roads Organization (BRO) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) are implementing the development and maintenance works on National Highways.
- (d) and (e) No, Madam.