

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

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FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF NHS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the network of National Highways (NHs) comprises only 1.7 per cent of the total length of roads but carry over 40 per cent of the total traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to maintain their quality;
- (c) whether allocation of funds for maintenance and repair of NHs is inadequate; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to enhance allocation of funds for proper maintenance and upkeep of NHs?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The total length of roads in the country is 46.90 lakh km and total length of National Highways (NHs) is 82,891 km. Therefore, the share of NH network is about 1.76% of the total road network. The NHs carry about 40% of the road traffic.

The development and maintenance of NHs including maintaining their quality is a continuous process and all the NHs in the country are being kept in traffic-worthy condition based on the traffic density, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

(c) and (d) The available allocation for maintenance and repair of NHs is of the order of 40 to 60% of the requirement. This Ministry has taken up the issue with the Ministry of Finance. Accordingly, the allocation under M&R has been enhanced to about Rs 2,000 crores.