

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

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INSPECTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Highway (NH) projects are inspected periodically by the Government/National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);
- (b) if so, the details of such NH projects which have been inspected by the Government/NHAI during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) whether any irregularities have been found in these projects during the inspection and if so, the details thereof and 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) to (b) The development and maintenance works of National Highways (NHs) are being implemented on the agency basis. The State Public Works Departments (PWDs), Border Roads Organization (BRO) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) are implementing the development and maintenance works on NHs. All the NH works are inspected periodically by the field officers of the executing agencies. Besides, Regional Officers (ROs) / Engineering Liaison Officers (ELOs) of the Ministry including Officers from Headquarters also inspect the projects from time to time. Apart from this, Supervision / Independent Consultants are also appointed for closely monitoring the quality of construction of major NH projects.
- (c) No major irregularities were noticed. However, the minor shortcomings noticed during inspection were communicated to the executing agencies / contractors / concessionaires for rectification.