

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

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QUALITY ROADS IN HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct quality roads in hilly areas of the country keeping in view the recent Uttarakhand disaster;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to appoint consultants for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these consultants are likely to be appointed?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Development and maintenance of other category of roads falls under the purview of concerned State Governments and other executing agencies. NH projects including those in hilly areas are framed and implemented in accordance with various standards, specifications, codes, guidelines of the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) and Ministry's Specifications for Road and Bridge Works to ensure quality. These standards, specifications, codes and guidelines are reviewed from time to time as a part of the process for upgrading the quality standards.

(c) and (d) Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and assistance of consultants are taken in preparation and implementation of major projects.