

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF ALTERNATIVE HIGHWAY
Das Shri Khagen

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that National Highway (NH) 44 gets blocked during every monsoon period thereby causing difficulty in transportation;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government for construction of an alternative National Highway; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Whenever National Highway (NH) 44 gets blocked during monsoon due to landslides, it is opened to traffic at the earliest possible.
- (c) & (d) The Construction of Alternative Highway as Kukital to Sabroom is proposed to be improved to National Highway standard under the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) Phase 'B', which has been approved for DPR preparation only by the Government. The proposal for declaration of this road as National Highway has been received in the Ministry. Expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.