GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2027 ANSWERED ON:01.12.2009 SURVEY OF DAMAGED NATIONAL HIGHWAYS Rathod Shri Ramesh;Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvaraya Swamy

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any survey of the damages caused to the National Highways (NHs) due to the recent floods in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the estimated loss to NHs due to these floods in various States including Andhra Pradesh, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps regarding strengthening/ undertaking repair works on these damaged NHs; and
- (e) the details of the amount allocated/sanctioned for this purpose, State-wise alongwith the status of utilisation of the said amount?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) to (e) The State-wise details of the assessments made during 2009-10 so far of the damages caused due to floods and rains to NHs, including that for the States of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, are at Annexure-I. The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and the NHs in the country are being kept in traffic worthy condition within the available resources, depending upon traffic density and inter-se priority of works. Actions for restoration of the stretches of NHs damaged in various states due to floods, rains, etc., are accordingly taken up from time to time to keep such stretches in traffic worthy conditions from the allocations made for Flood Damage Repair (FDR) works under Maintenance and Repair of NHs. Accordingly, necessary temporary measures for restoration of these damaged stretches of NHs in traffic worthy conditions are in different stages of progress. The permanent restoration works on these damaged sections of NHs are generally taken up under Annual Plan of works. The State-wise allocations made for development and maintenance of NHs during 2009-10 and the expenditure incurred upto October, 2009 is at Annexure-II.