

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

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RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS DAMAGED BY FLOOD
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of roads damaged by floods in various parts of the country including Bihar are proposed to be repaired / reconstructed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted by NHAI for reconstruction work to be undertaken on the damaged roads and bridges; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). 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 including Bihar due to floods, rains, etc., are accordingly taken up from time to time to keep such stretches in traffic worthy conditions. The State-wise details of the available assessments made so far during 2009-10 of the damages caused due to floods and rains to NHs are annexed.

(c) and (d) The maintenance of existing roads are carried out by the Contractor/Concessionaire, to keep them in traffic worthy condition, as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement wherever 4/6 laning works are under implementation under National Highways Development Project (NHDP). The maintenance of existing stretches of NHs entrusted to the National Highways Authority of India (NHA) are carried out either directly by NHA or through the concerned State Public Works Departments (PWDs) with funds provided by NHA in case the works of improvement to 4/6 laning have not yet started in such sections. All such NHs are maintained in traffic worthy conditions as per availability of funds, traffic density, extent of damages and inter-se priority. However, no separate survey has been conducted by NHA regarding reconstruction works required to be taken up on NHs damaged due to flood or rain during 2009-10.