

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

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UTILISATION OF CRF FOR REPAIRS OF ROADS IN BACKWARD RURAL AREAS

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

(a) whether the funds available under the Central Road Funds are proposed to be utilized for repair of metalled roads in the backward rural areas;

(b) the details of funds provided to the States under the Central Road Fund during each of the last three years and in the current year; and

(c) the details of assistance financial and otherwise proposed to be provided to the States for sprucing up rural roads during the current Five Year Plan period, year-wise?

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 development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Apart from this, this Ministry also provides funds to the States / Union Territories for development and maintenance of State Roads, other than rural roads, as per the provisions of the Central Road Fund (CRF) Act, 2000. However, this Ministry makes no separate allocations for repair of metalled roads in the backward rural areas. The allocations of funds for development of State Roads other than rural roads during the last three years and the current year are given below:

Year 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10\$

Fund allocated

(Rs. in Crore) 1,706.07 1,739.25 2,357.38 717.38

Includes Rs. 500 crore allocation from unspent balance of previous years. \$ Vote on Account allocation for the period from April – July, 2009.

(c) This Ministry has no proposals to provide any financial assistance to the States for development of rural roads during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.