GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1436 ANSWERED ON:14.07.2009 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF NHs Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausaheb

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

(a) the details of the National Highways in various States particularly those situated in backward and rural areas on which widening, expansion and repair works have started during each of the last three years and in the current year;

(b) the time by which the work on the said National Highways are likely to be completed;

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred on the same during the said period;

(d) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds for early completion of these works; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken for their speedy completion?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process for which, works are sanctioned depending upon their inclusion in the Annual Plan, availability of funds and inter-se priority. Projects are sanctioned State-wise and as such, details regarding backward areas or rural areas are not maintained. During the last three years, development and repair works on 212 NHs have been taken up. Works are generally targeted for completion between 12 months to 36 months depending upon quantum and nature of work. The details of expenditure incurred during the last three years and in the current year are as under:

(Rs. in crore)
Sl No Head Expenditure incurred for the last three years w.e.f. 2006-07 to
2008-09 and current year 2009- 2010(up to May,2009)

1 Development 34973.71

2 Maintenance & Repair 2682.23

Funds are provided commensurate to the progress of works within the over all allocation.