

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:147  
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014  
DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
Mukherjee Shri Abhijit

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the dilapidated condition of various National Highways (NHs) in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such condition, NH-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from various States including West Bengal to improve the condition of NHs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with funds allocated, released and utilised for the maintenance and repair of NHs during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of NHs in various States?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 FOR ANSWER ON 17.07.2014 ASKED BY SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE REGARDING DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(a) to (d) The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process. Accordingly, the NHs in the country are kept in traffic worthy condition from time to time within the available resources. However, the main reason for poor condition of certain NH stretches are due to availability of inadequate resources for maintenance of NHs leading to thin spreading of resources over a large network of NHs and inadequate pavement thickness / composition of State roads while handing over them to the Central Government after declaration of these roads as new NHs. The Ministry has taken up the issue of enhancement of allocation of funds for maintenance of NHs with the Ministry of Finance for the current financial year 2014-15.

The State / Union Territory-wise details of proposals received and sanctioned during 2014-15 for Periodical Renewal (PR) / Improvement of Riding Quality Programme (IRQP) are at Annexure-I. The year-wise and State / Union territory-wise details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for maintenance NHs during each of the last three year and the current year are at Annexure-II.