

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:690

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS FOR CHARDHAM YATRA

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

- (a) whether any financial assistance has been granted or proposed to be granted for the improvement/construction of roads for Uttarakhand's Chardham Yatra;
- (b) if so, the details and status thereof including the role of Government in the aforesaid project;
- (c) the time-frame laid down for completion of the project;
- (d) the initiatives taken by the Government to check time and cost overrun; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for safe and convenient travel for Chardham Yatris?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (e) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development & maintenance of National Highways and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the country through its implementing agencies namely, State PWDs, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Border Roads Organization (BRO) and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL). Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and the same are carried out depending upon the traffic volume, availability of funds and inter se priority of works. During Financial Year 2013-14, the National Highways proposals amounting to Rs. 663 crores has been sanctioned in Uttarakhand. After the natural calamity of 2013 in Uttarakhand, for long term sustainability of National Highways, the Government has engaged Consultants for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for various National Highways leading to Chardham in Uttarakhand. Monitoring/Review of National Highway works are done regularly at field and headquarter level to check time & cost overrun as well as to ensure safety of the road users including Chardham Yatris.