

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2605  
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UPGRADATION OF HIGHWAYS IN NATIONAL PARKS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has imposed restriction on upgradation/ repair of highways passing through National Parks across the country;
- (b) if so, whether the people are facing a lot of hardship in travelling through Baihar Garhi Marg within Kanha National Park in Balaghat district;
- (c) whether the Government has made any action plan for the upgradation/ repair of these highways;
- (d) if so, the time by which these highways are likely to be upgraded/ repaired; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Highway Projects passing through forest/wildlife areas require forest/wildlife clearances.
- (b) to (e) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Besides, it provides assistance to States for development of State Roads under its other Schemes. Work of Widening and improvement of Baihar Topal Supkhar Chilpi Road from km 85 to 130 in 46 km length was sanctioned by this Ministry under the Scheme for development of roads in Left Wing Extremism affected areas (LWE Scheme). However, the National Wildlife Board has not given permission to carry out this work, the contract agreement for this work has been terminated. Now it is for the State Government to plan for its development.