

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5052
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POOR QUALITY OF ROADS
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of complaints on poor quality of roads in country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether private sector investment has gone down in the highways sector and the Government has awarded nearly 75% of roads through Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) route; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor including the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) 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. One of the reasons for poor condition of NH stretches is availability of inadequate resources for maintenance of NHs.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. During last year about 7,980 km of NH project was awarded out of which only 734 km was awarded on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis.