

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:56

ANSWERED ON:23.07.2015

Maintenance of NHs

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

- (a) the details of National Highways in the country and the procedure/criteria/ norms adopted for their construction, development and maintenance;
- (b) the length of the National Highways constructed/proposed to be constructed including the funds allocated/utilized during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to construct new National Highways in various parts of the country including Bihar and Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof along with length and stretch to be covered State/ UT-wise;
- (d) whether construction/development of a large number of National Highway projects are running behind schedule, if so, the details of such projects, running behind the schedule, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor including the steps taken by the Government to expedite these projects; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that construction/ maintenance of NHs has been affected due to poor utilisation of funds, if so, the details thereof indicating the funds allocated/ released and utilised for the purpose, project-wise along with the mechanism put in place to monitor proper and optimum utilisation of funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 56 ANSWERED ON 23.07.2015 ASKED BY SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU AND SHRI NANA PATOLE REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF NHS

- (a) The details of National Highways (NHs) in the country is at Annexure-I. The development and maintenance of 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 based upon the assessment of their condition, depending upon traffic density and inter-se priority of works.
- (b) Target for NH construction for year 2015-16 is 6,300 km. No State-wise targets have been fixed for construction of NHs in 2015-16. The State /UT-wise details of length of NHs constructed during each of the last three year are at Annexure-II. The State /UT-wise details of funds allocated/utilized for development of NHs during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-III.
- (c) The declaration of new NHs, including those in the States of Bihar and Maharashtra, is a continuous process and are taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se-priority and availability of funds. The State-wise details of new NHs declared during 2015-16 so far are at Annexure-IV.
- (d) The details of NH projects running behind schedule are at Annexure-V. Projects are delayed due to various reasons such as Land Acquisition, Utility shifting, Non availability of Soil/Aggregates, Poor performance of contractors, Environment/ Forest/Wildlife Clearance, Rail Over Bridge (ROB) & Railway Under Bridge (RUB) issue with Railways, Public agitation demanding for additional facilities, Arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors, etc. To expedite completion of projects various steps have been taken which include streamlining of land acquisition, streamlining of environment clearances, exit for equity investors, premium re-schedulement, securitization of road sector loans, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, frequent reviews at various levels, etc.
- (e) No, Madam.