

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken initiative to increase the lifespan of the roads and make them weather friendly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding with any country in order to improve the technology used in the construction of roads;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total funds allocated by the Government for this purpose during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country through various executing agencies, including National Highways Authority of India (NHA). National Highway projects are planned and designed as all weather roads, for specific designed life, in accordance with approved Standards, Specifications, Codes and Guidelines. These Standards, Specifications, Codes and Guidelines are reviewed and updated from time to time, for incorporating latest developments including introduction of new materials and techniques such as modified bitumen, stone matrix asphalt, recycling of pavements, ground improvement techniques etc. for increasing the life span of roads.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Government of India has signed Memorandum of Understanding/ Framework of Cooperation with Finland, Malaysia, Canada, Spain, China, Japan and Korea for cooperation in the Road transport and Highways sector. These Agreements inter-alia cover cooperation in road and bridge technology, maintenance etc.

(e) No separate fund has been allocated for this purpose.
