

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:699

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to encourage construction of rubberized roads in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon including total rubberized roads in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has received representations from various State Governments including the Government of Kerala in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways. However, it has been decided in the Ministry that the type of pavement to be adopted for National Highways projects should be determined on the basis of durability and life cycle cost. Considering the issues related to environment, longer service life, fuel consumption, resistance to extreme weather conditions, saving of natural resources and maintenance etc. the cement concrete pavement could be the default mode of construction on National Highways.

(c) & (d) No representations have been received from the State Governments including the Government of Kerala.