

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4268
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IMPACT OF FALL IN DIESEL PRICES ON FREIGHT CHARGES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the truck owners are suffering huge losses as trucks having capacity to travel a distance of 600 kms. per day are travelling only upto 300 kms. per day due to poor conditions of NHs;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote relief to the private transporters suffering losses as a result of poor condition of NHs; and
- (d) if so, the details and status thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. However, as per the Transport Corporation of India - Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (TC-IIMC) joint study on operational efficiency of freight transportation by roads in India carried out during 2011-12 for selected routes indicates that Indian roads are of poor quality, lacking maintenance and pedestrians and animals having uncontrolled access to roads, resulting in low average speed of vehicles, break-downs and accidents.
- (b) Does not arise in the view of (a) above.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise in view of above (c) above.