

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2014
ANSWERED ON-20/12/2023

REPAIR OF KULLU-MANALI NH

2014. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) whether the geologists have found in the survey pertaining to Kullu-Manali NH damaged by the disaster, that only those roads have collapsed where the construction work using concrete was not done;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any plan has been made to construct roads using concrete only after the survey report of geologists; and
- (d) the estimated cost of the repair work of the said NH?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The section from Kullu – Manali witnessed unprecedented rains & cloud burst events from 8th July 2023 to 11th July 2023. Expert Committee was constituted consisting of experts from IIT-Roorkee, IIT-Mandi, BRO, EIL, MoRTH & Industry experts. The Committee in its Report has observed that Beas River carried huge boulders along with its flood. The deposits of boulders raised the bed level of river and deflected the river towards highway which caused complete erosion of highway section at 13 locations. Further, the Committee recommended remedial measures in three categories (a) Immediate measures (b) Short term measures and (c) Long term measures. The immediate measures and short term restoration have been completed.

(d) The total sanctioned amount for short-term measures of Kullu - Manali stretch is approximately Rs. 27.5 crore.
