

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 422
ANSWERED ON – 23/07/2025

CONDITION OF ROADS IN TAMIL NADU

422. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the roads in rural and hilly areas of Tamil Nadu are deteriorating very fast, due to slope destabilization and soil erosion;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to ensure that adequate funding and technical resources are allocated for the construction and maintenance of such roads;
- (c) if so, the details of the funds earmarked for such projects in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) whether Government would ensure better coordination with State Governments for effective implementation of road infrastructure projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) & (b) Government in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Adequate funds and necessary technical resources are provided for construction and maintenance of NHs in hilly areas, including those in the State of Tamil Nadu. The Government has issued standardized guidelines for hill slope investigation and adoption of cost-effective, long-term stabilization measures in landslide-prone regions. Further, sustainable bio-engineering solutions such as coir/jute mat hydroseeding, interlinked chain mesh with green strips, bamboo piling using stepped berms, Soil nailing, Rock bolting, Geo-textiles, Geo-grids, Gabions, shotcrete and erosion control measures with Vetivar grass plantation on jute matting have been implemented for stabilizing slopes in hilly and landslide - prone areas.

(c) Funds are allocated on a consolidated, state-wise basis for the development and maintenance of National Highways, and not earmarked project-wise. During the last three years, approximately ₹ 23,000 crore has been allocated for National Highways works in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(d) Regular review meetings with States are held at various levels to ensure better coordination for effective implementation of road infrastructure projects.
