

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2082
ANSWERED ON 08TH MARCH, 2018

PATROLLING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ON NHS

2082. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the amount allocated and utilized by the Government in providing patrolling and other emergency services on the National Highways during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that there has been a shortage of patrolling and emergency service vehicles across various National Highways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the conditions prevalent especially on National Highways passing through Rajasthan;
- (d) whether the emergency ambulances currently deployed along the National Highways have adequate facilities for dealing with the road accidents, if so, the details along with any specific guidelines which needs to be followed thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to re-equip the ambulances for providing better emergency trauma services?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a) Madam, there is no separate allocation for patrolling and other emergency services on the National Highways. It is a part of Maintenance Budget proposed by National Highways authority of India (NHAI). The Maintenance Budget is as follows:
 - (i) Revised Estimates (RE) for 2017-18:- ₹1,509.11 cr.
 - (ii) Budget Estimates (BE) for 2018-19:- ₹1,737.61 cr.

- (b) Yes Madam. However, many highways are already covered by ambulances, patrol vehicles and tow-away cranes through Incident management services provided by BOT and OMT highway concessionaires. To address the stretches that are not currently serviced, the NHAI is in the process of rolling-out an Integrated setup through the Traffic Incident Emergency Management System (TIMS), where Incident Management Contractors will be appointed at a State / Regional Office level for providing ambulances, tow-away cranes and highway surveillance vehicles across all highways in the State / Region and a Regional Command and Control Centre for monitoring and operations in the States of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh on a pilot basis.
- (c) In the State of Rajasthan, tentatively 100-110 additional ambulances are required to provide adequate coverage across all National Highways entrusted to NHAI. These ambulances are proposed to be provided by the Incident Management Contractor being engaged through the Traffic Incident Emergency Management System (TIMS).
- (d) Yes Madam. Emergency ambulances deployed on National Highways are suitably equipped for dealing with road accidents. The standards and specifications are as defined in Section 7 of Incident Management of the NHAI Maintenance Manual for Operations and Maintenance of Highways.
- (e) Under the Traffic Incident Emergency Management System (TIMS), the specifications of ambulances have been further enhanced, to be in line with the latest AIS standards that have been published for ambulances, and in line with latest technology for victim extrication and stabilization. These new specifications are in the process of being implemented across the country.
