

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2966**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2018/ PHALGUNA 22, 1939 (SAKA)

DAMAGE TO BRIDGES AND ROADS DUE TO HEAVY RAINS

2966. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the damage to bridges and roads including National Highway-5 due to heavy rains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for better disaster preparedness as every year Andhra Pradesh and particularly Godavari districts are affected by cyclone?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)**

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. As per information received from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, roads are generally damaged during heavy rains, which are repaired to make the National Highways traffic worthy condition. Presently vehicular traffic is plying on all National Highways in Andhra Pradesh including NH-5 in the country.

The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Government. There are institutional mechanisms at the National and State levels in the country to develop appropriate preparedness, and prompt

response mechanism for effective management of natural disasters including taking necessary measures to restore damaged infrastructure related to roads & bridges at the time of natural calamities and reduce/ minimize the losses during/ impending natural disasters in States of the country.

With regard to Godavari District, NHAI issued necessary instructions to all the concessionaire / contractors for preparedness for the minimum restoration of NHs to take certain measures in particular and in addition to local requirements.

The measures as taken by the Government of India and the State Governments are expected to improve the existing disaster management practices, preparedness, prevention, & enhance the response mechanism and minimizing the effects of natural calamities in the country. Further, the strengthening of the disaster management is a continuing and evolving process of the governance.
