

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 239
ANSWERED ON 27TH DECEMBER, 2018

HIGHWAYS IN WEST BENGAL

*239. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

WILL THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has decreased the allocations for the construction of roads and highways in West Bengal and sanctioned only Rs. 153 crores against the demand submitted by the State Government for Rs. 1500 crores;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the funds allocated to West Bengal towards development of highways, roads and bridges between 2015 and 2017;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to allocate a special tranche of funds for the development of roads in West Bengal; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *239 FOR ANSWER ON 27.12.2018 ASKED BY SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR REGARDING HIGHWAYS IN WEST BENGAL.

(a) & (b) Development & maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process. The works for development & maintenance of National Highways including those in the State of West Bengal are accordingly taken up from time to time as per traffic density, inter-se priority & availability of funds. The allocation of funds for construction of National Highways through State PWD during 2018-19 is Rs. 970 crore against Rs. 1195 crore for the previous year.

(c) The Ministry had allocated Rs. 615 crore and Rs. 1333.62 crore for the State of West Bengal for development of National Highways for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively.

(d) & (e) There is no such proposal.
