GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3780 ANSWERED ON 03rd January, 2019

LINKING OF KOTDWARA - DUGADDA OF NH-119

3780. MOHAMMED FAIZAL;

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सडक परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to heavy rainfall and consequent road blocks, the Kotdwara Dugadda Section of NH-119 remains badly damaged every year and is repaired at huge cost;
- (b) whether a tunnel can be constructed in the affected section for movement of vehicular traffic throughout the year on the pattern of Chennai-Nashri Tunnel in J&K;
- (c) whether the Government is considering any such proposal; and
- (d) if so, the detail thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a) During monsoon this section of NH-119 gets blocked and damaged due to landslides and toe erosion. However, it is maintained in traffic worthy condition by the State PWD, through regular repairs.
- (b), (c) & (d) No Madam, no such feasibility study has been taken up for construction of a tunnel in the affected section of NH119, so far.
