

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 634
ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2018

DAMAGE OF NH IN KERALA AND OTHER SOUTHERN STATES DUE TO FLOOD

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ADV. JOICE GEORGE:
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that most of the roads in Kerala and the Southern States damaged due to the unprecedented heavy rains and landslides recently;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to give any special package for the repair/construction of the roads in the flood affected area;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any new National Highway work has been started/is going to start in Kerala, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has assessed the quantum of damage and given any financial or technical assistance to reconstruct NHs in the State?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI MANSUKHLAL MANDVIYA)

(a) to (e) Yes, Madam. This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. For maintenance and repair of National Highways entrusted to State PWD Kerala damaged due to floods in July/August 2018, an amount of Rs 38.25 Crore has been allocated to carry out immediate Ordinary/Flood repairs. Additional sanction of about Rs 47 Crore was issued to facilitate reconstruction of collapsed retaining walls/damaged culverts etc in respect of three ongoing National Highway projects in Kerala State. In respect of National Highways entrusted to NHAI, the damaged stretches were rectified /maintained through the existing BOT Concessionaires. Besides, improvement on Twenty Eight works on State roads costing Rs. 351.0 crore has been administratively approved under Central Road Fund (CRF) for Kerala State.
