

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 882
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MAINTENANCE OF NHS

882. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is giving proper attention to repair and maintenance of National Highways (NHs);
- (b) the role of States in repair and maintenance of National Highways;
- (c) the funds allocated for maintaining and repairing of National Highways during the last two years;
- (d) whether there is an increase in allocation of fund in comparison to previous years for maintaining and repairing of National Highways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) The Development and Maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process. The works are accordingly taken up on NHs from time to time as per inter-se-priority, traffic density, and availability of funds to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The inter-se priority for carrying out Maintenance and Repair (M&R) of NHs generally depends upon nature and extent of damages, overall condition of NH stretches, traffic density, minimum works required to be undertaken to ensure traffic worthiness of NHs, the NH stretches under Defect Liability Period (DLP) obligation or stretches under Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT)/ Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM)/ Operate, Maintenance and Transfer (OMT) Concessions,

ongoing works on NHs, status of action taken up for new developmental works, availability of funds, etc.

Usually, the Annual Outlay earmarked for M&R of NHs have been about 35% to 40% of the estimated requirement of funds as per the Ministry's norms. This leads to the compulsion of thin spreading of available resources. Efforts are made to keep the NHs in traffic worthiness within available resources as per inter-se priority and traffic density.

(b) The M&R of NHs are implemented on the agency basis. The State Governments (State Public Works Departments (PWDs), Road Construction Departments (RCDs), etc.), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) are the main agencies of the Ministry. The responsibility of maintenance of NHs rests with the agency to which the NH stretch is entrusted.

(c) to (e) The year-wise details of funds allocated for M&R of NHs during last four years are as follows:-

Year	Allocation of Funds for M&R of NHs (Rs. in crore)
2014-15	2,599.25
2015-16	2,698.40
2016-17	2,846.68
2017-18	2,875.75
