

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2209
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FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAYS

2209. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is providing adequate funds for maintenance, repairing and upkeep of highways including the role of State Governments in this regard;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years;
- (c) whether the said funds have been increased *vis-a-vis* the last several years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The works on NHs are accordingly taken up from time to time as per traffic density, inter-se priority and availability of funds to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The development and maintenance of NHs are carried out through various Executing Agencies, such as State Governments/ Union Territories (UTs), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), and Border Roads Organisation (BRO), etc.

Various types of Maintenance and Repair (M&R) works taken up on NHs include Ordinary Repairs (OR), Periodical Renewals (PR), Special Repairs (SR) and Flood Damage Repairs (FDR).

The M&R of stretches of NHs, where either Development works have commenced or Operation, Maintenance and Transfer (OMT) Concessions/ Operation and Maintenance

(O&M) Contracts have been awarded, are the responsibility of the concerned Concessioners/ Contractors till the Defect Liability Period (DLP)/ the Concession Period.

M&R of balance stretches of NHs are carried out annually as per available budgetary outlay, inter-se priority and traffic density to keep such NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The year-wise details of funds allocated for M&R of NHs during last three years are as follows:-

Year	Allocation of Funds for M&R of NHs (Rs. in crores)
2016-17	2,846.53
2017-18	2,966.75
2018-19	2,531.18
