

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4151
ANSWERED ON 18TH JULY, 2019

ENGAGEMENT OF PRIVATE COMPANIES
FOR MAINTENANCE OF NHs

4151. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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

- (a) whether the Government/NHAI engages private companies for maintenance and repair work of the National Highways (NHs);
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with the criteria laid down for engaging these private companies;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of these private companies and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure that the work entrusted to these companies is completed in the given time frame?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) Sir, maintenance & repair of national highways is an ongoing process. On completed sections, repair & maintenance is carried out by O&M contractors/BOT concessionaires. In stretches under implementation, the maintenance is carried out by the contractor/concessionaire as part of their obligations in the contract. Stretches entrusted to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) but where work is yet to start are maintained either directly by NHAI or through State Public Works Department (PWD).

For the stretch which is already awarded to the concessionaire on BOT basis, it is obligatory on the part of concessionaire to maintain the stretch in traffic worthy condition. Where concessionaire fails to repair roads as per the concession agreement, NHAI undertakes repairing work at risk and cost of the concessionaire. The companies are engaged on the basis of competitive bidding process.

(c) & (d) Works on NH executed through NHAI are monitored by engaging consultants. Besides, field units of NHAI and officers from Headquarters/Ministry also monitor. Supervision consultants/Independent Engineers are deployed to properly monitor the maintenance of NHs.
