

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 228
ANSWERED ON 16th MARCH, 2023**

MAINTENANCE OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

***228. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU :
SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA :**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented strict measures to ensure maintenance and upkeep of National Highways (NHs) and the old road infrastructure in Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Purvi Champaran, Bhagalpur districts in Bihar, Hooghly (West Bengal), Amravati (Maharashtra) and Sonipat (Haryana) districts;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds demanded, allocated and spent for the purpose in the said districts during the last four years and the current year, NH-wise;**
- (c) whether any inspection has been carried out to ensure the structural strength of the Highway infrastructure particularly old bridges and to ensure compliance of road safety standards in the said districts;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a framework/policy to evaluate the condition and life span of every bridge in the country; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 228 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023, ASKED BY SUNIL KUMAR PINTU AND SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) Maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country including in the districts of Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Purvi Champaran, Bhagalpur (Bihar), Hooghly (West Bengal), Amravati (Maharashtra) and Sonipat (Haryana) districts is a continuous process and is taken up as per the conditions of the road and traffic levels.

(b) Funds for maintenance of NHs are allocated State/UT- wise and not NH wise. Funds allocated by the Ministry to the States of Bihar, West Bengal, Maharashtra & Haryana including that for districts of Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Purvi Champaran, Bhagalpur, Hooghly, Amravati and Sonipat during the last four years and the current year are as under :-

(Rs. in Crores)

State	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	Alloc.	Expnd.	Alloc.	Expnd.	Alloc.	Expnd.	Alloc.	Expnd.	Alloc.	Expnd. (upto Jan 23)
Bihar	157.95	140	114.43	79.36	304.04	252.98	158.18	121.86	88.41	32.45
West Bengal	65.8	60.97	70.04	64.8	123.94	99.09	73.55	59.78	110.96	54.74
Maharashtra	403.49	372.75	272.48	104.5	508.19	383.8	513.14	287.14	132.8	23.83
Haryana	32.66	32.02	29.78	29.3	51.11	48.11	71.16	66.16	56.72	43.64

(c) to (f) Highway Infrastructure including bridges are inspected periodically to assess their physical condition and safety. Based on the outcome of inspections, further detailed investigations are carried out wherever necessary and accordingly repair/rehabilitation/reconstruction measures are undertaken. Indian Roads Congress (IRC) has published manual / detailed guidelines for inspection and condition survey of bridges. MoRT&H has also issued guidelines for this purpose. Bridge inspection is principally carried out using Mobile Bridge Inspection Unit for close access to different critical components of the bridges. Wherever feasible rehabilitation and reconstruction of distressed/damaged bridges are taken up based on the outcome of condition survey.
