

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1197
ANSWERED ON 09th FEBRUARY 2023**

MAINTENANCE OF OLD ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

**1197. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented stringent measures to ensure maintenance of old road infrastructure/National Highways (NHs) in the districts of Amravati (Maharashtra), Bhagalpur and Sitamarhi (Bihar) and Sonapat (Haryana) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds demanded, allocated, released and utilized for the purpose during the last four years, NH-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a framework/policy to assess the status and life span of each bridge in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any assessment has been undertaken to ensure road safety standards and structural strength of the highway infrastructure, particularly the old bridges under the said districts; 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) Maintenance of National Highways in the country including in the districts of Amravati (Maharashtra), Bhagalpur and Sitamarhi in Bihar and Sonipat (Haryana) is a continuous process. The Contractor/BOT concessionaire is responsible for Maintenance and up keep of the NH stretches under defect liability period.

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

State	Name of Agency	2021-22		2020-21		2019-20		2018-19	
		Alloc.	Expnd.	Alloc.	Expnd.	Alloc.	Expnd.	Alloc.	Expnd.
Maharashtra	PWD	270.81	44.81	281.53	157.14	125.25	42.48	387.90	352.83
Bihar	PWD	108.32	72.00	115.92	64.86	50.31	15.24	38.86	20.91
Haryana	PWD	3.50	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.50	0.02	0.80	0.26

(c) to (f) Year of construction/approximate age of a bridge is generally known. Ministry follows a well-established system of inspection/maintenance protocol for periodical assessment of physical condition of bridges. Indian Roads Congress (IRC) has published manual / detailed guidelines for inspection and condition survey of bridges. Ministry 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. Rehabilitation/reconstruction of bridges which are found to be distressed/damaged are taken up through Annual Plan. Wherever feasible rehabilitation and reconstruction of distressed/damaged bridges are included in the development/widening of NH projects based on out come of condition survey done by DPR consultants.
