

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 56
ANSWER ON 2nd FEBRUARY, 2023**

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF NHs

56. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of maintenance and repair of National Highways (NHs) is carried out annually as per available budgetary outlay and traffic density to keep such NHs in traffic worthy condition;

(b) if so, the role played by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and Border Roads Organization (BRO) in maintenance and repair of NHs in the state of Bihar;

(c) whether the responsibility of maintenance and repair of NHs in district Gopalganj of Bihar rests with the agency to which the NHs are entrusted;

(d) if so, the measures taken by the said agency for maintenance and repair the NHs in the said district; and

(e) whether the damaged sign boards are replaced from time to time along NHs in the said district and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process. The works on NHs are accordingly taken up from time to time through various agencies such as National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and State Government's Public Works Departments as per available budgetary outlay, inter-se priority and traffic density, and to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

In state of Bihar including district Gopalganj, National Highways are entrusted to NHAI and Road Construction Department, Government of Bihar.

The Maintenance & Repair 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 Concessionaires/Contractors till the Concession Period/Defect Liability Period (DLP).

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

(d) & (e) In the Gopalganj district, NHAI has awarded the O&M works of Bihar/UP Borders to Kotwa section from km. 360.915 to km. 440.00 of NH-27 to O&M contractor and the work has commenced. The work is targeted for completion by 16.06.2023. The other three sections of NHs in Gopalganj district with total length 41.26 km are under Defect Liability Period. As part of development and maintenance work, sign boards are replaced/installed along NHs in the said district from time to time as per requirements and standard and specifications.
