

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 250
ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2019

MAINTENANCE OF NHS

†*250. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance is providing only 40 per cent of the funds required for maintenance and repair of the National Highways (NHs) in the country;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has held any discussion with the Ministry of Finance in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the funds received from the Ministry of Finance for maintenance and repair of NHs during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the funds spent by his Ministry for the purpose during the said period?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 250 FOR ANSWER ON 05.12.2019 ASKED BY SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI AND SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF NHS

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

The inter-se priority for carrying out Maintenance and Repair (M&R) of NHs generally depends upon nature and extent of damages, overall condition of NH stretches, traffic density, minimum works required to be undertaken to ensure traffic worthiness of NHs, the NH stretches under Defect Liability Period (DLP) obligation or stretches under Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT)/ Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM)/ Operate, Maintenance and Transfer (OMT) Concessions, ongoing works on NHs, status of action taken up for new developmental works, availability of funds, etc.

The estimation of fund requirement for M&R of NHs is made on the basis of “Report of the Committee on Norms for Maintenance of Roads in India” published by the Indian Roads Congress in 2001.

Usually, the Annual Outlay earmarked for M&R of NHs have been about 35% to 45% of the estimated requirement of funds as per the Ministry’s Norms. Efforts are made to keep the NHs in traffic worthiness within available resources as per inter-se priority and traffic density.

The Ministry has been taking up the matter of enhancing the allocation for M&R of NHs with the Ministry of Finance from time to time.

(c) and (d) The allocation of funds for M&R of NHs and the expenditure incurred during last three years and current year is as follows:-

Amount in Rs. crore		
Year	Allocation	Expenditure
(1)	(2)	(3)
2016-17	2,846.68	2,502.99
2017-18	2,966.75	2,654.78
2018-19	2,531.18	1,697.17
2019-20	3,000.00	644.24*
*Up-to October, 2019		
