

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 714
ANSWERED ON 21ST NOVEMBER, 2019

HIGHWAYS AS PER IRC RECOMMENDATIONS

714. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Road Congress (IRC) recommendations are binding on NHAI for the construction of all national highways and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether NH-66 and NH-75 are completely compliant with the IRC recommendations and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the traffic load/volume at Shiradi, Sampaje and Charmady ghat stretches on NH-66 and NH-75 in Karnataka and depth of the foundation of roads on these stretches;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to revise the toll levied at Surathkal, Mukka and Hejmady toll gates and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to construct all weather roads in a scientific way to prevent frequent wear and tear due to rainfall and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) & (b) National Highways are developed as per Guidelines / Standards issued by Indian Road Congress (IRC) / Ministry, which are generally part of the contract agreement. However, deviations may be allowed due to site constraints such as lesser ROW, built up area, forest, high embankment / cutting area etc.
- (c) Pavement is designed on the basis of traffic load/volume, soil characteristics, climatic conditions etc. as per IRC guidelines. The traffic volume at Shiradi, Sampaje and Charmady ghat are 21858, 14500 and 11377 PCU respectively.

- (d) The user fee are revised as per fee notification according to the provisions of the applicable National Highways Fee Rules 2008.
- (e) The construction and maintenance of National Highways are carried out as per Indian Road Congress (IRC) guidelines and Ministry's specification depending upon climatic, geotechnical and traffic requirement etc.
