

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4950
ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF NHS

4950. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that condition of the National Highways (NHs) having no toll is very poor and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the funds allocated and utilised for maintenance of such NHs during the last three years;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that the work on many State Highways which were declared as National Highways is yet to start and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, NH-wise; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to start widening and maintenance work on these NHs?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

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

The Maintenance and Repair (M&R) 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 entrusted to the Concessioners/ Contractors till the Defect Liability Period (DLP)/ the Concession Period. M&R of balance stretches of NHs are carried out annually as per available budgetary outlay, inter-se priority and traffic density to keep such NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The Ministry has taken policy decision to also implement M&R of NHs entrusted with State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) through Short Term (One Year) and Medium Term (Three Years) contracts effective from Financial Year 2021-22, besides implementation of works such as Ordinary Repairs (OR), Flood Damage Repairs (FDR), etc., through State Governments/ UTs as per extant policies.

The details of funds allocated and utilised for maintenance and repair of NHs during last three years is as below:

Rs. in crore		
Year	Funds allocated	Funds utilised
2017-18	2,966.75	2,654.78
2018-19	2,331.18	1,697.17
2019-20	2,000.00	1,593.56

(c) and (d) The projects are at various stages of evaluation, handing over by States, financial allocations and technical approvals.
