

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4958
ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS

4958. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for modernisation of roads to reduce road accidents in the rural areas in the country ;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to connect Hastinapur with expressway and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the poor condition of roads?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Modernization of roads from State Roads/Highways to National Highways/Expressways is a need based continuous process. Ministry is committed for modernization of National Highways. Under the Bharatmala scheme selected National Highways are being upgraded & modernized to improve level of service and user safety. The modernization is being done by lane capacity augmentation, access control to minimize accident conflict points, provision of Advance Traffic Management System (ATMS) etc. ATMS includes

components such as CCTVs, Video Incident Detection System, Vehicle Actuated Speed Displays, Variable Message System etc. which assist in timely capture of incidents, dissemination of important information to road users and deployment of assistance in case of emergency. Ministry has also initiated process for Incident Management System on all National Highways to provide patrolling and Ambulance Services for preventing traffic & ROW violations and to prevent accidental deaths. Ministry has also set up of a dedicated toll-free National Helpline number 1033 across the country to provide relief to numerous distressed road users in not only saving their lives but also helping them in other emergencies on the Highways.

(c) Government has not so far proposed to connect Hastinapur with expressway.

(d) The maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process. Ministry regularly undertakes development of deficient and substandard road sections of National Highways. 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.
