GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1877 ANSWERED ON 09TH DECEMBER, 2021

DAMAGE TO HIGHWAYS DUE TO RAINS

1877. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of newly constructed roads/highways got damaged due to heavy rains in many parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any measures to ensure quality roads to sustain the rains and avoid losses to the exchequer and also to the vehicle uses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) Ministry has received report of damage due to heavy rains in parts of newly constructed National Highways over length aggregating to about 90 km in the State/UTs of Uttrakhand, Mizoram, Manipur, Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, J&K & Delhi.

(c) & (d) National Highway works are executed duly following the specifications and standards laid down by the Ministry and Indian Roads Congress (IRC) with due emphasis inter-alia also on adequate drainage system to obviate damages caused due to rains and floods. The sub-standard works found, if any, are rectified and re-laid as per specifications. This is ensured by appointment of consultants as Independent Authority's Engineer/ Engineer for day-to-day supervision for implementation of quality assurance/control as specified in contract/ concession agreement. In case of any defaults, action against defaulting agencies are taken as per the provisions of agreements.
