

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2869
ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024**

**ROAD CONDITIONS IN CHOKPOT SUB-DIVISION, SOUTH GARO HILLS
2869. SHRI SALENG A SANGMA:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of road maintenance and development projects under the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in Chokpot Sub-division, South Garo Hills and outline any plans to address the deplorable road conditions and lack of amenities in the area;**
- (b) the funds allocated and disbursed so far by NHAI for road maintenance in South Garo Hills; and**
- (c) the manner in which the NHAI is collaborating with local authorities to ensure prompt completion of these road improvement projects and address any logistical or environmental challenges faced thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) There is only one National Highway i.e. NH-62 passing through Chokpot Sub-division in South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya which is entrusted to the State Public Works Department (PWD) of Meghalaya for development and maintenance and not to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Currently, road maintenance work is in progress under the Short Term Maintenance Contract (STMC). Approval of the work for improvement and upgradation of the section**

of NH-62 in Chokput Sub-division to two-lane with paved shoulders configuration is planned under current year Annual Plan.

(b) Funds are allocated for development and maintenance of all National Highways in the State. For maintenance of NH-62 in South Garo Hills district works amounting to Rs.628.06 lakh has been approved.

(c) Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and its executing agencies actively coordinate with local authorities at district and state level to expedite project preparation, pre-construction activities like land acquisition, forest clearance, etc. and construction issues.
