

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 522  
ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> February, 2025**

**IMPACT OF ROAD MAINTENANCE ON PUBLIC SAFETY**

**522. SHRI CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the poor condition of roads in Jalandhar has led to an increase in accidents and public grievances, if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with the State Government to implement long-term solutions for road maintenance and development, if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the Government plans to introduce stricter monitoring mechanisms to ensure the timely repair and upkeep of urban roads, if so, the details thereof; and**

**(d) the funds allocated and disbursed for road repairs in Punjab during the past three years and their utilization status, year-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (c) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for development and Maintenance of National Highways (NHs). All efforts have been made to keep the NHs in Jalandhar in traffic worthy condition. National Highways**

**Authority of India (NHAI) has taken up major rectification works on NH-44 in Panipat-Jalandhar section at a cost of Rs.485 crore; construction of LVUP near Dakoha railway crossing in Jalandhar City on NH-44 at km 370.100 including entry/exit and other related works at a cost of Rs. 14.30 crore and completed in February, 2023. NHAI has also taken up construction of Six-lane Jalandhar Bypass starting from Jalandhar-Amritsar (NH-3) with interchanges at Jalandhar-Pathankot (NH-44), Jalandhar-Hoshiarpur (NH-3), Jalandhar-Ludhiana (NH-44) and ending at Jalandhar-Moga section of NH-703 inter-alia for decongesting Jalandhar city traffic to a great extent.**

**The development and maintenance of State roads in Jalandhar City including urban roads is the responsibility of State Government of Punjab.**

**Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The condition of NHs is assessed from time to time by the Government in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and its various executing agencies such as NHAI, National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), Border Roads Organization (BRO), Public Works Departments (PWDs)/ Road Construction Departments (RCDs)/ Corporations of State Governments/ Union Territories(UTs). The development and maintenance works on NHs including NHs passing through urban areas are accordingly taken up from time to time as per condition of road, inter-se priority and availability of funds to keep the NHs in traffic worthy condition.**

**The Maintenance & Repair (M&R) of stretches of NHs including NHs passing through urban areas, where either Development works have commenced or Operation, Maintenance and Transfer (OMT) Concessions/ Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Contracts have been awarded, are the responsibility of the concerned Concessionaires/ Contractors till the Defect Liability Period (DLP)/ the Concession Period.**

**Network Survey Vehicle (NSV) technology is used to ensure adequacy of completed development works on NHs and timely repair and maintenance of NHs. Also, NHAI assesses the condition**

**(identification of defects i.e. potholes, damaged roads, etc.) of NHs and monitor the status of rectification of these defects within specified timeline through NHA One App as per provisions stipulated in the Concession / Contract Agreements (CA) of NHs projects. Further, penal actions are taken up as per the provisions of CA on account of failures on part of the Concessionaire/ Contractor to rectify the defect within stipulated timeline.**

**Government holds regular review meetings at various levels with State Governments, executing agencies to ensure taking up of corrective actions and completion of NHs projects.**

**(d) Details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for development and maintenance of NHs in the State of Punjab during the last three years is as under:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fund allocated / expenditure incurred (Rs in crore)</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>7,179</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>10,093</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>12,419</b>

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