

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:474  
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2000  
CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY - 31  
NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Highway No.31 is in a bad condition in the absence of repairs;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have taken any steps in respect of water logging on both sides of the Highway from Maheshkund to Gerabari;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the funds allocated and spent by the Government for the repair and maintenance work of this National Highway during last three years and till date;
- (f) whether the Government propose to get it repaired through a Central agency; and (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT  
(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) & (b) National Highway-31 is being maintained generally in traffic worthy condition within available resources.
- (c) & (d) Bihar Road Construction Department has been advised to undertake investigations in consultation with State Irrigation Department and Railways to formulate proposals for protective work for National Highway from Maheshkund to Gerabari.
- (e) Allocations for maintenance and repairs are made State-wise and not National Highway-wise. During last three years, funds as under were allocated to the concerned States for maintenance/repairs of National Highways including National Highway-31:

(Rs. in crore)

	Bihar	West Bengal	Assam	Total
1996-97	21.94	20.82	10.07	52.83
1997-98	34.11	32.65	11.63	78.39
1998-99	33.37	27.58	28.16	89.11
1999-2000	53.68	30.00	33.99	117.67

Total 143.10 111.05 83.85 338.00

- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) The responsibility of maintenance/repairs of the National Highway has been entrusted to the concerned State Government under Agency system.