

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2020  
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MAINTENANCE OF N.Hs BY PRIVATE SECTOR  
Mehta Shri Alok Kumar

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to entrust the responsibility of maintenance of national highways to the private sector; and;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Private Sector participation is proposed to be increased by awarding Operation, Maintenance and Transfer (OMT) concessions for 5 or more years for a length of 250 or more kms in respect of completed sections of Highways. Bidder meeting the minimum technical qualifications and offering the highest bid amount, will be selected on the basis of competitive bidding. The concessionaire will maintain the section for the period of concession and will retain the toll collected during this period.