

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

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USE OF SOIL IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether soil has been used in place of `Muram` in both the solders at k.m.107, 108, 109, 110 (Bara Malhara Nagar) of National Highway No.86 in Chhatarpur (M.P.) which has exposed people living nearby to fatal diseases like asthma and T.B. alongwith other health hazards;
- (b) if so, the time by which `Muram` is likely to be used at NH No.86;
- (c) whether the Union Government is considering to provide compensation to people who suffer from such diseases;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Selected soil conforming to this Ministry's specifications have been used in the shoulders of the stretches mentioned above. Reports linking the use of such materials in the shoulders to the diseases suffered by the people in the area have not been received. Hence, the question of providing any compensation does not arise.