

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

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FUNDS PROVIDED FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF NHs

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that National Highways in Gujarat, Bihar and West Bengal are in dilapidated condition resulting in accidents and problems in the movement of traffic;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the year-wise details of funds provided for the repair and maintenance of national highways during the last two years till date, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to improve the condition of National Highways alongwith the progress made in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and efforts are made to keep the National Highways in traffic worthy condition depending upon inter-se priority and the available resources. Generally the National Highways in these states are in traffic worthy conditions except for some stretches in Bihar hadly damaged due to the heavy rains and floods during the last year.

(c) Year-wise allocation of funds for repair and maintenance of National Highways during the last two years and current year 2005-06 is given as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

State Allocation

2003-04 2004-05 2005-06

Gujarat 81.75 103.14 30.48

Bihar 40.33 57.39 31.94

West Bengal 35.00 36.16 24.10

(d) The National Highways are being improved in a phased manner depending upon the conditions of the road, volume and availability of funds. The following length of various National Highways in Gujarat, Bihar & West Bengal have been improved by widening to 4-lane, widening to 2-lane, improvement of riding quality, strengthening & providing paved side shoulders under various schemes from 1999-2000 to 2004-05:

(Length in kms)

State 1999-00 2000-01 2001-02 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05

Gujarat 341 385 526 353 324 353
Bihar 446 292 629 397 233 335
West Bengal 63 158 265 381 229 301