

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

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

- (a) whether the condition of National Highways (NHs) in the country particularly in Jharkhand and West Bengal is far from satisfactory ;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to repair those NHs and construction of bridges over them ; and
- (c) the time frame fixed for the said purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a) The National Highways in the country including Jharkhand and West Bengal are generally maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available resources. The sections of National Highways which are single lane and those passing through flood prone areas get damaged during monsoon season. The condition of such sections of National Highways is restored to traffic worthy conditions under flood damage/ maintenance repairs as per the availability of funds.

(b) and (c) The improvement and maintenance of National Highways including bridges is a continuous process. The same is undertaken in a phased manner depending upon the availability of funds and inter-se-priority.