

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

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

- (a) whether the National Highways Authority of India proposes to have a clear cut policy regarding the maintenance of those roads which are being converted into four lanes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the maintenance work of Udaipur city area of National Highway No. 76 is being done by the NHAI;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of the newly planted tree saplings compared to those which have been cut by the NHAI in the past;
- (f) the time by which the construction work of the missing section of the road is likely to be completed by NHAI in Chittor; and
- (g) the reasons for the delay?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) During construction period, the maintenance of the existing roads is being done by the civil contractor/concessionaire engaged for four laning works for which adequate provision has been made in the agreement/concession. After completion of 4/6/8 laning Highways are maintained through Operation and Maintenance contracts or through concessionaire (for Build Operate and Transfer projects).
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The new trees in lieu of the trees cut due to four/six laning of National Highways are planted after the completion of the four/six laning works. The tree cutting and afforestation are mostly done by the respective State Forest Departments as per conditions of Ministry of Environment and Forest clearance. The number of trees planted are normally 2 to 3 times the number of trees cut due to four laning of National Highways depending on the norms of the concerned States.
- (f) Chittorgarh bypass on NH-76 is being constructed as part of East-West Corridor and likely to be completed by April, 2008. Another Chittorgarh bypass connecting NH-76 and NH-79 is under construction and likely to be completed by August, 2007.
- (g) There is no delay.