

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:123

ANSWERED ON:07.03.2007

SUB-STANDARD MATERIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION

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

- (a) whether materials of sub-standard quality are being used in the construction of various National Highways;
- (b) if so, the number of cases detected by the Government during the last two years and the details thereof;
- (c) the number of officers and contractors found guilty in this regard; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government against officers and contractors found guilty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 123 FOR ANSWER ON 07.03.2007 ASKED BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO AND SHRI MANSUKHBHAI D. VASAVA REGARDING SUBSTANDARD MATERIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION

(a) In order to ensure that the materials used in the construction of National Highway works conform to Ministry's specifications for Road and Bridge Works, 2001 (4th Revision) and relevant publications of Indian Roads Congress, various Government agencies viz. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), State Public Works Departments (PWDs), Border Roads Organisation (BRO) have quality control systems in place. No reports on the use of sub-standard materials in National Highway works have been received from them.

(b), (c) & (d) Do not arise.