

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

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BAD CONDITION OF SAKLESHPUR MANGALORE NH
Madhwaraj Smt. Manorama

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

- (a) whether the Sakleshpur-Mangalore highway in Karnataka is in dilapidated condition causing delays and blockade in the movement of vehicle on the ghat section;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the condition of the highway has been deteriorated due to heavy traffic of iron-ore-laden vehicles from Bellary heading for Mangalore port;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government has any proposal to provide port connectivity from Golden Quadrilateral routes; and
- (f) the steps being taken on upgrade the riding quality and condition of the said highway?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) : A length of about 40 km of NH 48 in Shiradi Ghat area was damaged extensively during last monsoons. The repair works have already been taken up by the State Government. Further, the improvement works amounting to Rs. 30.00 crore have been sanctioned in the above stretch and the works are under the process of award/implementation.
- (c)&(d) : Extensive damages have occurred due to plying of overloaded vehicles, heavy rainfall and existence of sharp curves.
- (e) : NHAI is implementing the port connectivity project from Golden Quadrilateral at 5 locations.
- (f) : There are several sanctioned improvement works on this National Highway. After the implementation of these works, the condition of this National Highway will be improved further.