

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:235

ANSWERED ON:29.08.2007

THICKNESS OF NH

Bangaru Smt. Susheela Laxman;Chauhan Shri Nihal Chand

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

- (a) whether the existing thickness of National Highways in some of the States particularly in Rajasthan is not as per the standards set by the Indian Road Congress (I.R.C.);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to construct these Highways as per the standards set by I.R.C.; and
- (d) the time by which these Highways are likely to be reconstructed as per the standards set by I.R.C.?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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. 235 FOR ANSWER ON 29.8.2007 ASKED BY SHRI NIHAL CHAND AND SHRIMATI SUSHEELA BANGARU LAXMAN REGARDING THICKNESS OF NH

(a)and(b) The thickness of the pavements of some stretches of National Highways, particularly in the National Highways declared since February, 2004, including those in the State of Rajasthan, is deficient with respect to the standards set in the relevant codes published by the Indian Roads Congress (IRC).Such deficiencies are assessed in detail only when strengthening works on pavements are included in the annual plan of works as well as for projects taken up under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and the provisions for thickness of pavements are made on the basis of designs as per IRC codes within the available resources.

(c)and(d) The development of National Highways is a continuous process.Works of strengthening of pavements are taken up within the available resources and as per the inter-se priority of works.No time frame can be given for completion of strengthening of deficient pavements in the entire National Highways network due to limited resources.