

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

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REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF NH
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether repair and maintenance of National Highways are not upto the prescribed standard;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to raise the grants on the actual execution cost basis; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The repair and maintenance of National Highways are taken up according to the availability of funds and condition of road and National Highways are kept in traffic worthy condition, within the available fund. The available fund is substantially less than the total funds required for the maintenance of National Highways as per the prescribed norms. Therefore, the maintenance of National Highways may not be strictly as per the prescribed norms.

(c) & (d) The constraint of budgetary allocation does not allow the increase in allocation on the basis of actual requirement.