

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

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INCREASING ACCIDENTS ON N.H. 52
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of frequent skidding and toppling of vehicles due to very low level of dilapidated shoulder along the single lane portion of N.H.-52;
- (b) if so, the action taken to ensure strengthening of shoulder as well as the road; and
- (c) the year-wise proposed and results achieved on strengthening and double laning of N.H.-52 during the 10th Plan Period?

Answer

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

- (a) As per reports from the Border Roads Organisations (BRO), who are developing and maintaining N.H.-52, there is moderate level difference between carriageway and the shoulders on N.H.-52 in Sector North Lakhimpur (Km 345) to Jonai (Km 510). However, no case of frequent skidding and toppling of vehicles due to very low level of dilapidated shoulders along single lane portion of N.H.-52 has been reported.
- (b) Action for rectification of the shoulders has been initiated and work in priority stretches has already been taken up. This is a continuous process, being part of the maintenance and repair work of the National Highway. Such works are taken up subject to availability of funds and inter se priority.
- (c) Double laning of the single lane sections of N.H.-52 is provided for in the `Special Accelerated Road Development Programme` which is under finalization. This work is expected to commence in km 345 to km 360 during 2005-06, subject to the availability of funds.