

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

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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of complaints received by the National Highways Authority of India in regard to poor condition of the National Highways under the National Highway Development Programme, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by NHAI for redressal of these complaints; and
- (c) the time by which the renovation of the National Highways in Gujarat is likely to be started by NHAI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b) Complaints have been received regarding condition of various roads under National Highway Development Project (NHDP), from time to time. A number of complaints regarding bad condition of roads were due to damage of existing roads under construction during heavy rains and poor maintenance by some contractors. Concerted efforts are being made by NHAI to address this situation by carrying out urgent repair work, re-surfacing, termination of contract of non-performing contractors and re-awarding the work etc. Provisions have been made in the operation & maintenance contracts to ensure that road is kept traffic worthy and serviceable. Flood damage repair is also undertaken as and when required.

(c) Repair and maintenance is an ongoing process and roads under NHDP in Gujarat are being maintained in traffic worthy condition. Resurfacing is done once in five years based on inter- se-priority and availability of funds