

(d) The Bill for the proposed National Waterway is being taken up for consideration and passing during the current session of the Parliament.

Funds for MP NHs

‡739. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Central Government for the maintenance of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh during last three years and the amount utilized out of this allocated fund;

(b) whether this amount has lapsed in any year;

(c) if so, in which year and the amount lapsed;

(d) the amount allocated by the Central Government for the construction of new National Highways in Madhya Pradesh during last three years, the amount utilized out of this allocated amount and the amount lapsed without utilization; and

(e) whether lapsed amount could be reallocated in next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The amount allocated and utilised for maintenance of National Highways in the State of Madhya Pradesh during last three years are as under:

Sl.No.	Year	Allocation (Rs.in crore)	Expenditure (Rs.in crore)	Amount Unutilized (Rs.in crore)
1.	2005-2006	56.42	53.44	2.98
2.	2006-2007	58.70	52.65	6.05
3.	2007-2008	58.38	57.95	0.43

(d) There is no separate allocation for construction of new National Highways. However, the amount allocated and utilised for development and construction of National Highways in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years are as under:

Sl.No.	Year	Allocation (Rs.in crore)	Expenditure (Rs.in crore)	Amount Unutilized (Rs.in crore)
1.	2005-2006	74.00	73.59	0.41
2.	2006-2007	83.00	82.93	0.07
3.	2007-2008	65.00	64.91	0.09

(e) No, Sir.

International shipyards in Gujarat

740. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3352 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th April, 2008 and state:

(a) whether sites for setting up of two international size shipyards in Gujarat on West/East coasts have been identified;

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(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether nodal agencies, namely, Mumbai Port Trust and Ennore Port Limited have prepared detailed project reports on the setting up of international size shipyards; and

(d) if so, the time by when the work on setting up of shipyard would be started?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Upon receipt of the recommendations of the Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Indian Ports Association, which had recommended Mundra and Pipavav in Gujarat as the suitable locations for setting up of international size shipyard, Maritime States were also requested by this Ministry to identify suitable location for setting up of international size shipyards, one each on the East Coast and West Coast of India respectively in response to which Government of Gujarat has proposed a few stretches such as Salaya, Jodiya, Mundra, Chanch and Pipavav and Tuna.

(c) and (d) The nodal agencies viz. Ennore Port Limited and Mumbai Port Trust have been authorized to appoint Consultants with clear terms of reference who *inter alia*, would identify 3 or 4 alternative sites each for setting up of shipyard on West Coast and East Coast of India respectively and also suggest optimal locations with detailed justification. The process for appointment of Consultants has been initiated by the nodal agencies. As such, no definite time frame can be set for finalization of location of the projects.

NHDP Works in Gujarat

741. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether repair/resurfacing works of various roads under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in Gujarat have been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the planning and time frame fixed by NHAI for repairs/resurfacing of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Wherever 4/6 laning works under NHDP are under implementation, to keep the existing roads in traffic worthy condition, the maintenance of existing roads are carried out by the Contractor/Concessionaire as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement, In case of sections entrusted to NHAI where, 4/6 laning have not yet started, the maintenance of existing roads are being carried out by NHAI directly or through State PWDs with funds provided by NHAI.

After completion of 4/6 laning works, the comprehensive maintenance are regularly carried out. Under this apart from routine and periodic operation and maintenance of highways, engineering improvement as required for better road safety are also taken up as and when necessary.

There were damages due to recent monsoon. However, roads have been maintained in traffic worthy condition during monsoon with funds allocated for maintenance and repair.

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†742.DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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