

**Repair of Moradabad-Ramnagar and Rampur-Haldwani
National Highways**

†101. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the National Highways from Moradabad-Ramnagar and Rampur-Haldwani is not fit for vehicular movement;

(b) whether it is the responsibility of the National Highways Authority to maintain and repair these highways;

(c) if so, the reasons why these highways have been neglected and the amount of money allocated for the repair and maintenance of these highways during the past three years along with the details thereof; and

(d) by when the said highways would be made fit for vehicular movement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. The road connecting Moradabad and Ramnagar, is not a National Highway and therefore doesn't falls under the purview of this Ministry. Maintenance of Rampur-Haldwani-Kathgodam section of NH-87 is the responsibility of National Highways Authority of India. About 20% of this stretch of NH-87 is in bad condition. For repair of NH-87 from Rampur to Kathgodam, an estimate amounting to Rs. 8.7 crore has been already sanctioned. Efforts have been already been undertaken to repair the entire stretch of NH-87 from Rampur to Kathgodam by May, 2014.

Recovery of cess under CRF

†102. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Road Fund Act was enacted in 2000 for the construction and the maintenance of the roads in the country;

(b) if so, whether the recovery of the cess under this act was started in 2001; if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the number of times the rates of this cess has been increased upto 2013 along with the dates thereof and the rate increased everytime; and

(d) the total amount recovered under this head upto March, 2013 along with the total amount of funds available as on September, 2013?

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