

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -3009
ANSWERED ON - 22/03/2021

MAINTENANCE OF NHS

3009. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: -

- (a) the amount allocated for maintenance of National Highways (NHs) during the current fiscal year;
- (b) the amount allocated and proposed to be spent on maintenance of NHs in Rajasthan;
- (c) whether there is any mechanism in place to decide the inter-se priority of NHs to be taken up for major repairs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is some mechanism in place to assess the state of NHs from the viewpoint of need for major repairs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) An amount of Rs. 2,653.92 crore has been allocated for Maintenance and Repair (M&R) of National Highways (NHs) for the year of 2020-21.
- (b) The amount allocated for spending on maintenance of NHs entrusted with State Government of Rajasthan during 2020-21 is Rs.125.86 crore.
- (c) and (d) The Development and Maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The works are accordingly taken up on NHs from time to time as per inter-se-priority, traffic density, and availability of funds to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The inter-se priority for carrying out M&R of NHs generally depends upon nature and extent of damages, overall condition of NH stretches, traffic density, minimum works required to be undertaken to ensure traffic worthiness of NHs, the NH stretches under Defect Liability Period (DLP) obligation or stretches under Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT)/ Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM)/ Operate, Maintenance and Transfer (OMT) Concessions, ongoing works on NHs, status of action taken up for new developmental works, availability of funds, etc.

M&R of balance stretches of NHs, on such stretches, are carried out annually as per available budgetary outlay, inter-se priority and traffic density to keep such NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

- (e) and (f) Development and maintenance of NHs are carried out through various Executing Agencies [viz. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), Border Roads Organisation (BRO), State Governments/ Union Territories (UTs), etc.].

The Officers of the Ministry and various Executing Agencies carry out regular assessments of conditions of NHs from time to time. Accordingly, further necessary actions are taken up for development and maintenance of the NHs as per inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.
