

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -2016  
ANSWERED ON – 03/08/2022

**DEPLETING CONDITIONS OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DURING MONSOON**

**2016. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the depleting conditions of the roads during the monsoons;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to address the issue;
- (c) whether Government have data on accidents owing due to potholes in various place, like Mumbai, Bengaluru etc.;
- (d) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps that are being taken by Government to prevent any mishaps because of the potholes, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National highways (NHs). The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The works on NHs are taken up from time to time as per inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The Maintenance and Repair (M&R) of stretches of NHs, where either Development works have commenced or Operation, Maintenance and Transfer (OMT) Concessions/ Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Contracts have been awarded, are the responsibility of the concerned Concessioners/ Contractors till the Defect Liability Period (DLP) and concurrent maintenance period/ the Concession Period. M&R of balance stretches of NHs, including Restoration of damages due to heavy rains and floods are carried out annually as per available budgetary outlay, inter-se priority and traffic density to keep such NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The inter-se priority for carrying out M&R of NHs including rectification of NHs stretches damaged due to rainfall, floods, etc. 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.

The Ministry has taken policy decision to also implement M&R of NHs entrusted with State Governments/ Union Territories (UTs) through Short Term (One Year) and Medium Term (Three Years) contracts, besides implementation of such works through State Governments/ UTs as per extant policies.

All efforts are made to ensure timely repair of potholes in damaged stretches of NHs as part of the above mentioned obligation and policy.

The details of accidents and deaths on roads in the cities of Bengaluru & Mumbai on account of potholes for the year 2020 are as follows:

<b>Sl. no</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Number of Accidents</b>	<b>Persons Killed</b>
1	Bengaluru	2	1
2	Mumbai	0	0

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