

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

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- **All resources should be utilized for the immediate rehabilitation of roads affected by rains and floods.**
- **All Field officers of the National Highway Authority to keep a constant watch on the situation – Asad Mahmood**



Federal Minister of Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood has said that all the measures should be taken on emergency basis to ensure the restoration of traffic on national highways and motorways in the recent heavy rains and resulting floods. In this regard, a control room has been set up at NHA Headquarters Islamabad so that the maintenance units and field formations of the authority across the country may remain in constant contact with it so that immediate action can be taken to restore the affected roads well in time. He said this while presiding over a high-level meeting at the Ministry of Communications today, in which Federal Secretary Communications/Chairman National Highway Authority Captain (R) Muhammad Khurram Agha, along with senior officers of Ministry of Communications and relevant officers of National Highway Authority participated on this occasion. A detailed briefing was given to Federal Minister of Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood regarding the situation of rain and flood water on motorways and national highways and the measures taken to restore traffic.

Federal Minister of Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood was told in a briefing that at the places of km 771-773 and km 780-782 the Indus Highway was affected due to heavy rains. The NHA officials posted in

Dera Ghazi Khan are endeavoring to restore traffic on the Indus Highway. Traffic will be restored at the affected parts of the Indus Highway by this evening. Likewise, necessary machinery has been made available at the affected parts of Khuzdar-Quba Saeed Khan Highway in Balochistan. It was also informed in the meeting to Federal Minister of Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood that maintenance units on GT Road N-5, (Wazirabad and Rawalpindi) are also fully operational. It was also told in the briefing that in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Khawaza Khela-Bisham Road, Chakdara-Kalam Road and Chitral- Shandur Road are open for traffic. While Nowshera-Dir-Chitral Road, Lowari Tunnel (North Bound) are also cleared for traffic. The affected parts of Chitral-Garam Chashma-Shah Sadim Border Road are also being cleared completely.

It should be noted that on special instructions of the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif and the Federal Minister of Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood, Secretary of Communications and Chairman National Highway Authority Captain (R) Muhammad Khurram Agha, in view of the recent heavy rains and flooding situation, has left for Balochistan, where he will review the issues related to the rehabilitation of the affected roads.