

within the 'right of way' of National Highways with concerned State Governments.

North-South Highways Corridor in Tamil Nadu

2482. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in executing the North-South highway corridor, beyond Tindivanam upto Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu;

(b) by when the same would be completed; and

(c) the places where road bridges are planned to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Madurai-Kanyakumari section of National Highway-7 forms part of North-South Corridor. There is no delay in executing this stretch. At present, the consultancy services for this section is under finalisation. The project is targeted to be four laned by December, 2007, in phases. The details of bridges on this section would be known after Detailed Project Report (DPR) is completed.

The section between Tindivanam-Madurai *via* Trichy is not part of North-South Corridor. National Highways Authority to India will take up this stretch also as soon as the funding arrangement is finalised. However, DPR of this stretch has already been completed. Detailed Project Report of the section envisages construction of following bridges:

- (1) Major Bridge (one) on river Korayar on National Highway-45B.
- (2) Road Over Bridges (Eleven) at km 156.01, 165.283, 215.5, 310.682, 318.614, 321.51, 321.65 on National Highway-45. Villupuram Bypass, Ulundurpet Bypass, Trichy Bypass and MDR Bypass on National Highway- 45B.
- (3) Flyovers: (Four)
 - (i) On Tindivanam Bypass
 - (ii) Across Ulundurpet Bypass
 - (iii) At 318.6 km on National Highway-45

- (iv) At 323.05 km on Natinoal Highway-45 (on road to Samayapuram Temple)

Road Damaged by Earthquake in Gujarat

2483. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the National Highways of Gujarat were damaged due to earthquake on the 26th January, 2001;

(b) if so, the estimated loss on this account; and

(c) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to lay/repair new road of international standard in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Some stretches of the National Highways like NH 14, 15, 8A, 8B & 8D were damaged due to earthquake on the 26th January, 2001.

(b) and (c) The estimated cost of repairs is Rs. 13.00 crores. All repair works have been completed, which include resetting of bearings and repair of cracks of some bridges and sealing of cracks and resurfacing of roads in affected reaches.

Maintenance of Highways in NER

2484. SHRIC.APOKJAMIR: Will the Minister of ROADTRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the details of the amount allocated, released and utilised so far for construction of new National Highways and repairing as well as maintenance of present highways in NER particularly in Nagaland during the last five years, Highway-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): Funds for development and maintenance are allocated State-wise. Details are given in the Statement enclosed.