

Road safety rules

1136. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the new norms prescribed for new road safety rules;
- (b) the steps taken especially in Hyderabad city expansion; and
- (c) the steps taken especially on National Highways in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) This Department has not prescribed any new norms for road safety rules.

(b) and (c) All aspects of road safety features such as good geometrics as per Indian Road Congress (IRC) standards, road signage, road markings, crash barriers, pedestrian foot over-bridges and service roads in urban areas, underpasses etc. being taken care of during preparation of detailed project report for upgradation of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh including city portion.

By-passes in Assam

1137. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of projects taken up for construction of by-passes on various National Highways in Assam indicating the reasons for delay in commissioning the actual work and the target set for completion;
- (b) the progress made 'in chronological order' from the date of first proposal till end of March, 2008 on each of such bypass, year-wise;
- (c) the total outlays, amount utilized during the Tenth Plan period and proposed for Eleventh Plan;
- (d) whether his Ministry has evaluated the actual causes of delay and evolved a mechanism to expedite the execution; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Guwahati Bypass on NH-37 has been completed under NHDP-I, Karimganj bypass on NH-44 and Kathakal bypass on NH-53 under NH(O) have been completed substantially as stand alone projects as per details given *vide* Sl. No. 1 and 2 of Statement (See below). Some bypasses in Assam are under construction as part of East-West Corridor (NHDP-II) as per details, progress and target of completion given in Statement (See below) (Sl. No. 3 to 10). The Government has approved four laning of NH-37 from near about Numaligarh to Bogibeel Bridge approach and bypass of Moran town has been planned as part of this 4-laning [(Sl. No. 11 of Statement (See below))] and 2-lane bypass of