

#### **Expressway between Delhi and Jaipur**

2843. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Finance Minister has declared construction of expressway between Delhi and Jaipur in his Budget Speech of 2006-07; and

(b) if so, by when this work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes sir,

(b) Expressway facility from Delhi to Gurgaon is already in operation. Project of construction of expressway between Gurgaon and Jaipur was to be finally selected for implementation on the basis of traffic volume. Six laning from Gurgaon to Jaipur is under progress and will be sufficient to cater traffic volume for another 10-12 years. Presently construction of a new expressway is not envisaged between Delhi and Jaipur.

#### **Declaration of new NHs for Rajasthan**

2844. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajasthan Government has submitted proposals for declaration of new National Highways; and

(b) if so, by when these National Highways are likely to be declared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (b) The Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposal for declaring 24 roads of Rajasthan as National Highways. At present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

#### **Increasing cost of construction of NHs**

†2845. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of construction of National Highways has increased from average Rs. 6 crore per kilometre to Rs. 12 crore per kilometres in the last two years;

(b) if so, the construction cost of the work assigned for road construction in 2005-2006 and the construction cost estimated for 2008-09; and

(c) the reasons for increasing the construction cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) The cost of development of National Highways (NHs) depends upon the

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