

(c) whether Government of Gujarat has again represented in February 2008 for urgent upgradation of Gujarat Coastal Highways; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) The Ministry has received the request from Government of Gujarat for upgradation of State Highways to National Highways. At present, the declaration of more roads as National Highways, is not a priority for the Government. The existing National Highway system of about 70,548 kms itself has deficiencies and there is a need to concentrate on the development of the existing National Highways instead of further expansion of the system. As and when the Government is in a position to expand the network further, requirements of different States will be given due consideration subject to inter-se-priorities and availability of funds.

#### **New model system for construction of roads**

†2065. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highway Authority of India has worked on a new model system of providing 40 per cent more amount to the project cost of construction of road to the road constructors;

(b) if so, the details of this new model system;

(c) whether following the announcement of this system the units of big corporate houses have submitted applications for road construction; and

(d) if so, the names of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Government provides Viability Gap Funding (VGF) within the ceiling of 40% of the Total Project Cost of road projects included under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

#### **Repair/resurfacing of roads under NHDP in Gujarat**

2066. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

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

(a) whether repair/resurfacing works of various roads under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in Gujarat State have been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the planning and time frame fixed by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for repairs/resurfacing of roads?

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