

connectivity between Delhi and Haryana. However Government of Haryana is planning new link roads between Delhi and Haryana to improve connectivity.

**Construction and upgradation of roads**

1303. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

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

(a) whether the Union Government propose to spend about 60 thousand crore to construct and upgrade about 40 thousand kilometer of roads in the next few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether most of the highway projects constructed under various National Highway Development Programme phases have seen delays due to highway development agencies inability to decide the mode of contract, toll in the first instance;

(d) if so, whether Government has prepared the blueprint of such projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and how Government propose to complete such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The Government has taken up several projects for improvement/development of National Highways including construction of expressways under the various schemes such as National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East region (SARDP-NE), etc. The total length of NHs envisaged for improvement under the various phases of NHDP is about 47,054 km. About 5,104 km length of NHs and 4,656 km length of state roads are envisaged for improvement under SARDP-NE. These projects are targeted for completion in phases by 2015-16. Apart from this, this Ministry also provides funds to the States/Union Territories for development and maintenance of State Roads, other than rural roads, as per the provisions of the Central Road Fund (CRF) Act, 2000. The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) envisages budgetary support of Rs 72,530 crore for Central Sector roads. In addition, the sector is expected to generate Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) amounting to Rs 34,829 crore and private sector investment of Rs 86,792 crore during this period.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. However, some of the projects have been delayed due to problems associated with land acquisition, shifting of utilities, clearances for Railway-Over-Bridges (ROBs), poor performance of contractors, law & order problems in some States, etc.

The progress of projects is closely monitored by Project Implementation Units of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), assisted by Supervision/Independent Consultants, in order to

expedite implementation of projects. Meetings are held on periodic basis at sites as well as at NHAI Headquarter to review the progress of projects. The works for the contracts terminated by NHAI have been re-awarded. Meetings are held with officials of State Governments concerned in order to expedite land acquisition, utility shifting, etc. An officer of the Railways has been posted to NHAI to coordinate with Ministry of Railways to expedite the construction of ROBs.

#### **Declaration of State Highways as NHs**

1304. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the State Highways declared as National Highways during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has received any proposal regarding declaration of State Highways as National Highways during the last one year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and stretch-wise; and
- (d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) The details of the State Highways declared as National Highways during the last three years and the State and Stretch wise proposals received for declaration of State Highways as National Highways during the last one year (2008-09) are given in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively (See below). Upgrading State Highways as National Highways is currently not a priority for the Government since the emphasis is on development of the existing National Highways which suffers from many deficiencies.

#### ***Statement-I***

*Details of National Highways declared during the last three years*

(2006-07)

State	National Highways No	Stretch	Approx Length (Km)
1	2	3	4
Uttar Pradesh	24B	Lucknow -Rai Bareilly-Allahabad	185
Tamil Nadu	226	Thanjavur- Gandharvakottai- Sivaganga-Manamadurai	144
	227	Thiruchirappalli- connecting- Lalgudi-Kumaratchi-Chidambaram	135
Gujarat	228	Ahmedabad-Dandi (Dandi heritage route)	374
West Bengal	2B	Burdwan-Bolpur	52
Bihar	2C	Dehri-Akbarpur-Bihar/UP Border	105