

of the Ambulance. The tender will be floated as soon as the modified technical specifications are finalized.

Purchase of Ambulance for Life Support Ambulance Scheme

‡3066. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce the 'Advance Life Support Ambulance Scheme' for saving the people, critically injured in road accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the process for purchasing the ambulance under this scheme has not been initiated;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the budgetary provisions for this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO S. KHANDELA): (a) to (d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing a Scheme namely "Project for establishment of trauma care facilities along National Highways" during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, at a total outlay of Rs. 732.75 crore to develop a network of Trauma Centers along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East West Corridors of the National Highways to help the accident victims. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is to provide 140 advanced life support ambulances to the 140 identified hospitals under this Scheme of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Order for supply of 70 ambulances has already been placed with the selected firm during the year 2008-09 and for the remaining 70 ambulances, the Ministry is in the process of modifying the technical specifications of the Ambulance.

(e) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, has been providing ambulances and cranes under the scheme "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS)" for which an amount of Rs. 25 crore has been provided in the budget for the current financial year.

By-pass on Pathankot-Amritsar NH

3067. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of Dina Nagar by-pass on Pathankot-Amritsar National Highway with the estimated cost thereof including the cost of land acquisition; and

(b) the likely date of its completion for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) The length of Dina Nagar by-pass on Pathankot-Amritsar National

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