

(c) As per Section 3 of the Carriage by Road Act, 2007 it is mandatory for every common carrier to obtain certificate of registration to engage in the transportation business by road. Section 5 (2) of the Carriage by Road Act, 2007 already provides for revocation of certificate of registration in case the common carrier fails to rectify certain errors specified in the Act. Thus, the question of reviewing these provisions at the rule making stage does not arise.

Shortage of skilled manpower for road projects

3040. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

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

(a) whether country's growth area of building roads faces a setback due to shortage of skilled manpower besides projects exceeding time and cost projections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has since contemplated any steps to meet the shortage of skilled manpower and also to ensure that the road projects are not adversely affected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) Commensurate with the huge road development programme undertaken in the country by the Government, shortage of skilled manpower has been felt in contracting and consulting industry for road projects. The Government has set up the National Institute for Training of Highway Engineers (NITHE), Noida which imparts training to fresh as well as in-service highway engineers of the country. So far NITHE has trained 17,895 highway engineers since 2001, which includes engineers from other developing countries. There are also other Training Institutes in the public and private sector imparting training to highway engineers. Highway Engineers are also deputed for training abroad under various International Co-operation Schemes for latest technical know-how in this Sector.

Four lane road system in NE region

3041. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in the matter of execution of four lane road system in the North-Eastern region; and

(b) whether the progress is satisfactory so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) 4-laning road system of 678 km length from Srirampur to Silchar is under construction in Assam. The work of 18.5 km (Guwahati bypass) has already