

(b) whether the NHAI need to raise around Rs. 1,90,000 crores in the next few years for highway constructions under various phases; and

(c) whether against the target of building 20 kms roads a day, Government could build only 6.75 kms a day during November last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Sovereign guarantee is provided by the Government for the loan assistance needed by NHAI from multilateral financial institutions like World Bank, Asian Development Bank, etc.

(b) As per the financing plan for NHDP works, NHAI may require to borrow Rs. 1,91,948 crore.

(c) In order to meet the targets under NHDP the pace of implementation is being increased and in the year 2009-10 a length of 2022 km. has been completed up to Jan. 2010 *i.e.* an average of 6.75 km./day.

#### **Expressway projects**

732. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Expressway projects which are completed upto now and the pending Expressway projects;

(b) the reasons for the slow working of these projects;

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the State Government are not helping in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) Two expressways *viz.*, Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway implemented by NHAI and Mumbai-Pune Expressway implemented by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation have been completed. Western Peripheral Expressway around Delhi is under implementation on BOT with target date of completion as 31st December, 2010. For Eastern Peripheral Expressway around Delhi bids have been reinvited with last date of submission as 31.03.2010 as only one bid was received initially when the project was bid out. In addition, the Government has approved 1000 km. of Expressway under NHDP Phase-VI wherein Vadodara-Mumbai, Delhi-Meerut, Bangaluru-Chennai and Kolkata-Dhanbad are being developed for which feasibility studies are in progress and likely to be completed by May 2010. After completion of feasibility studies the process of award of work will start hence it is too early to fix the targets for their completion.

(d) No Sir.

#### **Yearly target for Highways**

733. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up any yearly target for the development of Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the target fixed;

(c) whether works have done achieving the targets; and

(d) if so, the details of total length of Highways built during 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) and roads other than NHs are under the purview of the respective State Governments. The details of targets fixed for development of NHs during 2009-10 and achievements thereof, alongwith details of length of NHs built during 2008-09 are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Targets for the year 2009-10	Achievements (upto December, 2009)	Length of NHs built during 2008-09
1.	Widening single lane to two lanes (kms)	1320.95	793.21	1153.34
2.	Strengthening of existing weak two lane pavement (kms)	1058.08	634.77	1009.67
3.	Widening to four/six lanes (kms)	3244.50	1800.69	2265.75
4.	Improvement of riding quality (kms)	2510.31	1990.26	2470.26
5.	Construction of missing links (kms)	8.80	3.21	16.16
6.	Improvement to low grade sections (kms)	20.03	17.52	47.26
7.	Construction of bypasses (Nos)	19	0	7
8.	Construction/rehabilitation of bridges (Nos)	134	49	78

#### Implementation of schemes for weavers

734. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes which are under implementation for the development of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers at present;