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17.	Meghalaya	126	165	127
18.	Mizoram	59	64	50
19.	Nagaland	52	68	89
20.	Orissa	2549	2755	3000
21.	Punjab	2793	3052	3363
22.	Rajasthan	6793	7154	8145
23.	Sikkim	77	70	52
24.	Tamil Nadu	9758	11009	12036
25.	Tripura	209	196	223
26.	Uttarakhand	868	975	992
27.	Uttar Pradesh	9955	10851	11398
28.	West Bengal	4727	4600	4745
Union Territories				
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	23	22	23
2.	Chandigarh	135	142	151
3.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	55	45	66
4.	Daman and Diu	24	27	29
5.	Delhi	1862	2169	2141
6.	Lakshadweep	0	1	0
7.	Puducherry	226	217	255
TOTAL		94968	105749	114444

Expressway under NHDP Phase-IV

1491. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority has asked the views of the States on the respective parts of the alignment proposed to develop 10000 KM of expressway under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IV;

(b) if so, whether the competent authority of Kerala had requested to extend the Kanyakumari Thrissur expressway upto Kasargode;

(c) if so, whether the respective consultants will be directed to discuss the above with the competent authority of Kerala; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) to (d) The Ministry had awarded a Consultancy Services for Formulation of a Master Plan for the National Expressway Network in the country. The Consultants, duly considering the view received from some of the State Governments, submitted the Draft Project Report in July, 2009. All State Governments were requested in August 2009 to offer their views on the proposed National Expressway Network. The Final Report submitted by the Consultants, duly considering the views/observations received from the State Governments and recommending *inter alia* development of total Expressway Network of about 18,637 km, has been accepted by the Government. State Government of Kerala had requested for extending the National Expressway from Thrissur to Kasargod and Mangalore. However, from overall perspective of broad integration of the Expressway Network in the entire country and keeping in view the existing connectivity, the Final Report has *inter alia* recommended to include Thrissur-Kanyakumari stretch in the proposed National Expressway Network.

At present there is no proposal to direct the consultants to discuss the issue with the State Government of Kerala since the Report has already been finalized.

Approval of road projects received from Rajasthan

†1492. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals under Rajasthan Government interstate road scheme, have been sent to Central Government for approval, if so, the time by when approval thereto would be accorded; and

(b) whether it is a fact that project proposal under economic significance scheme, has been sent for approval to Government by Rajasthan Government, if so, by when these project proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) and (d) Yes, Sir. In 2008-09, five proposals were accorded 'in-principle' approval amounting to Rs. 33.72 crore. Estimates for all the five have been received in the Ministry during 2009-10 and two estimates amounting to Rs. 7.82 crore have been approved. Depending upon the *inter-se*-priority and availability of funds, other three proposals are likely to be sanctioned during 2009-10. In the year 2009-10, two proposals of Economic Importance amounting to Rs. 29.96 crore and 11 proposals of Inter State Connectivity amounting to Rs. 85.34 crore were received from Government of Rajasthan for 'in principle' approval. Out of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.