

those States could also be considered in extreme cases. Necessity for gearing up and expediting the process of land acquisition by the State Governments with fortnightly review of the progress with District Land Acquisition Officers were reiterated in the meeting and States were requested for taking up of necessary corrective actions promptly and ensure timely handing over of land to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

(c) There is no such project pending for award of sufficient land to be acquired by State Governments.

(d) Does not arise.

Four lane roads in NE area

1496. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of present position of the construction of four-lane roads in the North Eastern area as per the policy of look-East; and

(b) by when the proposed construction of road bridge over Brahmaputra by the side of Sarai Ghat Bridge is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) Four lane roads in North-East are mainly being constructed as part of East-West Corridor in Assam from Srirampur (Assam / West Bengal Border) to Silchar. Total length of 678 km divided into 27 contract packages has to be improved to 4-lane standards. Out of 678 km, 4-laning of 18.5 km. length (Guwahati bypass) has already been completed and 4-laning of 629 km length divided in 26 contract packages is in progress. 4-laning of 31 km length could not be awarded as the stretch passes through Borail Wild Life Sanctuary.

(b) The construction of road bridge over Brahmaputra (part of East-West Corridor) by the side of Sarai Ghat Bridge is scheduled for completion by March, 2012.

1497. The Question was cancelled.

State highways converted into NHs in Punjab

1498. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the length of State Highways in Punjab converted into National Highways during the last three years ending 31st December, 2009 with the expenditure incurred thereon, year-wise;

(b) whether more such roads are proposed to be converted during the remaining period of Eleventh Five Year Plan, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated expenditure required for the purpose, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) No State Highways in Punjab has been converted into National Highways during the last three years ending 31st December, 2009.

(b) Expansion of NH network is a continuous process and declaration of new NH is taken up from time to time depending upon, requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

(e) Does not arise.

Maintenance of NHs

1499. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise kilometre of National Highways in the country; and

(b) the allotment of funds to maintain National Highways, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) The State-wise details of the length of National Highways (NHs) in kilometer are given in Statement (Refer to Statement appended to answer to USQ 1475 part (d) and (e).

(b) The State-wise allocation of funds for maintenance and repair (M and R) of NHs during 2009-10 is given in Statement (See below).

Statement

The State-wise allocation of funds for maintenance and repairs (M and R) of NHs

Amount in Rs. Crore

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Allocation of funds for M and R of NHs during 2009-10
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	60.25
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.91
3.	Assam	66.75
4.	Bihar	70.73
5.	Chandigarh	0.75
6.	Chhattisgarh	34.59
7.	Delhi	0.75
8.	Goa	5.35
9.	Gujarat	42.66