

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर.पी.एन. सिंह): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

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Renovation and widening of Mumbai-Goa NH

†*182. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal of Rs. four thousand crore to the Central Government for renovation and widening of Mumbai-Goa National Highway (NH);

(b) if so, when;

(c) the current status of that proposal; and

(d) by when the Central Government is going to approve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Sir, in view of the fact that Goa is emerging as an important tourist destination, does the Government have any plan on their own to renovate and widen this road?

SHRI R.P.N. SINGH: Sir, this stretch from Mumbai to Goa is divided into three stretches. The National Highways Authority of India is going to develop the first stretch from Panvel to Indapur which is 84 kilometres into four-lane facility. The RFQ is under evaluation and the PPAP approvals are awaited. From Indapur to Zarap which is 370 kilometres, it is not under any National Highways Development Programme. But, seeing the traffic on this road and the demand for development of this highway into four lanes, the Ministry has decided to go for a feasibility study in this stretch of the road. From Zarap to Patradevi which is 21.5 kilometres, the work for construction of this section as a four-laning facility including a bypass to Sawanti Town of 16.5 kilometres was sanctioned for Rs.99 crores on 23.3.2006. After the revised estimate based on tender approved for Rs.183 crores, the construction work has started and the target date of completion as per contract agreement is 25.10.2010.

SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Sir, my second supplementary is: Has the Government got any statistics of how many vehicles negotiate this road and how many accidents take place annually over this stretch?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

SHRI R.P.N. SINGH: Sir, the Ministry has decided to do a feasibility study on this stretch. As soon as we will get the feasibility report, we will take further action.

DR. K. MALAISAMY: There are umpteen numbers of highways throughout the length and breadth of the country. I need fundamental information. *(Interruptions)* How many roads are taken up for widening? How much work has been done? How much time they will take to finish?

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, this is out of the scope of the question. But, if there is any specific information which the hon. Member wants, he can write to me. I will be happy to provide him with the details.

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister that in the same State, the Central Government has given some money to the Maharashtra Government for widening of the Nashik-Shirdi road. What has happened to that project? Last time also, I had asked the same question.

SHRI R.P.N. SINGH: Sir, this is out of the scope of the question. The road is from Mumbai to Goa. If the hon. Member gives it to me in writing, I would try to answer.

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Last time also, I had asked this question. But, you have not given anything in writing. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, I appreciate the Member's concern and his drawing attention to this fact. This is an important road. In the Ministry, it is being processed for expeditious taking up.

DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Sir, Goa is a very important tourist centre in our country. If you want to go to Goa, either you have to go by flight or by sea. Goa borders are in Karnataka and Maharashtra. None of the roads is in good condition. Even Karnataka and Goa are hardly 130 kilometres. There is NH-4. The whole business of Goa goes from Karnataka. But, there, not even one car can be driven. Whether the Minister knows about the National Highway no.4A. There is a Goa-Karnataka border. When are you going to take it up?

SHRI R.P.N. SINGH: Sir, about the road from Mumbai to Goa, I can tell you right up to the stretch which is up to Karnataka. The total length of National Highway in the State of Goa between Patradevi which is on the Maharashtra-Goa border to Pollem which is on Goa-Karnataka border, is 139 kilometres. This stretch is maintained by the State PWD in a traffic-worthy condition. But, I would like to tell the House that this stretch has been included in the NHDP Phase-III for four to six-laning at an estimated cost of Rs.872 crores. The RFP to five shortlisted bidders were issued. The bid submission date for this project is 15th March 2010 and we will be taking it up as soon as the RFP is completed.

Migration of labourers

*183. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: