

(b) Prior to 1993-94, the capital contribution from the Central and State Government was provided in the proportion of 1:2.

(c) and (d) Planning Commission dispensed with the scheme to provide capital contribution to State Road Transport Corporations and, hence, no capital support could be provided to any State Road Transport Corporation including Kerala State Road Transport Corporation since 1993-94.

#### **Upgradation of State highways into National highways**

2880. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total cost of upgradation of State Highways into National Highways during the last four years, State-wise;

(b) the details of upgradation of State Highways in Assam into National Highways during these years;

(c) whether there are any future plans of upgradation of such roads in Assam during 2010-2012; 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) No separate provision of funds for upgradation of State Highways into National Highways is made.

(b) No new National Highways in Assam has been declared during last four years.

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

#### **Increase of toll tax for people using express highways**

2881. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of toll tax was increased from April, 2009 for the people using Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Kandla and Mumbai-Surat Express Highways for transport;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase in rate;

(c) whether it is also a fact that from the day of opening this highway for use by public, the rate of toll tax has been increased several times; and

(d) if so, the number of times the rate was increased, the amount of increase of rate and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH): (a) to (d) No Sir. However, user fee rates on Mumbai-Surat (Surat-Dahisar) section of NH-8 was revised in September, 2009, as per the Concession Agreement with the Concessionaire, with the increase in user fee rates being in the range of 8 to 10%.

**Siliguri-Falakata-Sonarpur-Kokrajhar East-West Corridor**

2882. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the Siliguri-Falakata-Sonarpur-Kokrajhar East-West corridor; and

(b) by when the corridor would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The stretch from Siliguri-Mainaguri-Falakata-Sonapur-Salsalabari (NH-31D) near Alipurduar is realigned portion of East-West Corridor in West Bengal. So far RFQ for the stretch has been done. The 4 laning work in balance stretch from Salsalabari to West Bengal-Assam Border (Srirampur) (NH-31C) of East-West Corridor in West Bengal and from Srirampur-Gosaigaon-Kokrajhar of NH 31C in Assam is under implementation. The corridor is likely to be completed by May 2013.

**Repair and maintenance of NH 54 and 34A**

2883. SHRI LALHMINGLIANA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of fund provided for repair and maintenance of National Highway 54 and 34 A during the last five years NH-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the amount spent from the fund so sanctioned for repair and maintenance of above National Highways, NH-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) NH-54 passes through Assam and Mizoram. As regards NH-34A, there is no such National Highway in the country. The details of allocation and expenditure for repair and maintenance of National Highway 54 during the last five years, NH-wise and year wise is given below: