

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to put up display boards on all ongoing/completed projects of NHAI at every 25 kms on both sides, with a view to display project related information for the benefit of road users to be put up at the cost of concessionaire/contractors with no expenditure to be borne by NHAI.

- (b) No expenditure will be incurred by the NHAI.
- (c) to (d) 146 display boards have been prepared/erected in various States.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

**Jolt to highways projects due to naxal activities**

248. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that ambitious projects of constructing two-lane highways in many States have suffered a jolt due to the naxal activities;
- (b) if so, the details of such projects, State-wise, which have been delayed or stopped due to naxal activities; and
- (c) the steps Government has taken or proposes to take to give security to contractors in naxal prone areas?

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) State Government agencies have prioritized construction of roads under Left Wing Extremism Areas depending on their ability to provide enough security during the entire construction period.

**Raising of funds for NHAI**

249. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Governments has sought funds from foreign sources, banks and lenders for the National Highways Authority of India;
- (b) if so, the details of funds sought and reasons for borrowing funds for NHAI;
- (c) the details of firm agreements in place to borrow funds for NHAI; and