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41	Employment in laying down of underground electric, wireless, radio, television, telephone, telegraph and overseas communication cables and similar other underground cabling electric lines, water supply lines and sewerage pipe lines.
42	Loading, Unloading in Railway Goods shed.
43	Ash Pit Clearing in Railways.
44	Stone Breaking and Stone Crushing
45	Security Services.
46	Sweeping and Cleaning.

Upgradation of State Highways into National Highways

3651. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total cost of upgradation of State Highways into National Highways during the last four years, State-wise details thereof;
- (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;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) to (e) 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.

Expending highway projects in naxal dominated areas

3652. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided for infrastructure development in the core naxalites dominated areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the major highway projects will be expedited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has approved scheme for development of 1202 km of National Highways and 4363 km of State Roads in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of 34 Districts in eight States at an estimated cost of Rs. 7300 crore for implementation in a phased manner during the next three years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Profit earned by NHAI on Delhi-Gurgaon Express Highway

†3653. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to increase in the volume of traffic on the Delhi-Gurgaon Express Highway and the constant rise in Wholesale Price Index, the National Highway Authority of India is constantly earning profits by increasing toll tax every 1st of April;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this exercise will yield more amount being recovered from users than the cost of construction of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH): (a) and (b) As per the Concession Agreement the user fee shall be revised at the beginning of the each financial year *w.e.f.* 1st April based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) published by the Government of India. There is a provision that the fee realized by the Concessionaire for vehicles in excess of 1,30,000 PCU/day at any toll plaza shall be shared equally between NHAI and the Concessionaire. The fee to be shared between NHAI and the Concessionaire shall be computed for each toll plaza and paid by the Concessionaire to NHAI on a monthly basis.

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