

- (d) whether a Committee has been set up to enquire its failure;
- (e) by when the report in this regard is likely to be submitted; and
- (f) whether this will not have any effect on future research activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The current failure is only a setback on the GSLV programme.

(b) No, Sir. While there is disappointment at the failure, the scientists are aware of the risks involved in the complex technology and are determined to overcome the problem and continue to work with renewed vigour.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The failure analysis committee that has been set up with experts from ISRO, academia and national research laboratory to ascertain the reasons of failure is expected to submit its findings within one month.

(f) The failure of GSLV-F02 mission will not affect the on-going programmes of ISRO such as Cartosat-2 launch with PSLV-C7, development of GSLV-Mk-III and Chandrayaan-1 programme.

Expenditure on National Highways in Himachal Pradesh

*173. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Himachal Pradesh and other States where National Highways have been constructed during the period from January, 2002 till date alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) the number of National Highways proposed to be constructed during the current Five Year Plan, year-wise alongwith the amount proposed to be spent thereon;

(c) the details of two lane and four lane highways in the country at present;

(d) whether Government propose to convert two lane into four lane National Highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The routes of National Highways connecting

different places in the country including those in Himachal Pradesh are given at the Annexure [See Appendix 208 Annexure No. 1] Since the National Highways run through length and breadth of the country sanction of works on National Highways is accorded to develop/improve them depending on their condition in different stretches and intensity of traffic. Funds are released by Ministry, financial year-wise. Expenditure incurred for development of National Highways in the country including the State of Himachal Pradesh during last four years i.e. (since April, 2002) and current financial year up to May, 2006 is Rs. 34301 crore. Year-wise physical and financial targets for development of National Highways during the current Five Year Plan are given at Statement (*See below*).

(c) About 37242 km of National Highway is two laned and about 7832 km is four laned and above.

(d) and (e) Government has approved National Highways Development Project-I, II and III-A which are essentially for the development of National Highways from two lane to four lane. Total length covered under this project is about 18300 km, out of which about 6666 km has been four laned. Besides this, about 508 km length of road is proposed for improvement to four lane in Phase-A of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North-Eastern Region (SARDPNE).

Statement

Year-wise physical and financial targets of National Highways

| Year | Physical Target (Length in km) | Financial Target (Rs. in crore) |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2002-2003 | 6460 | 11658 |
| 2003-2004 | 8429 | 15467 |
| 2004-2005 | 7649 | 14026 |
| 2005-2006 | 5901 | 10533 |
| 2006-2007 | 5140 | 12142 |
| TOTAL | 33579 | 63826 |

Help to fight terrorism

*174. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have sought help from several foreign countries to fight terrorism in the country;