

52 are being maintained in traffic worthy conditions depending upon availability of fund, traffic need and inter-se priority. Routine maintenance including development of National Highways in Assam are being carried out through National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Border Road Organisation (BRO) and State PWD.

Six laning of highways

1146. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken up the six laning of the highways;
- (b) if so, the number of highways taken up and the length of the roads completed so far; and
- (c) the targets fixed for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The entire Golden Quadrilateral and 800 km of high density corridors has been taken up for six laning under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-V. So far six laning of 404 km has been completed.

(c) No separate target for six laning has been fixed for the current financial year. However, the target for completion of six laning of NHDP Phase-V is December, 2012.

Present status of NHs projects

1147. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of National Highways projects undertaken by his Ministry during last five years indicating the stages/completion/still pending projects;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has written to the Prime Minister for not getting timely clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests thereby causing inordinate delay; and
- (c) if so, the details of remedial steps taken in this regard so as to avoid cost escalation of pending Highway Projects?