

**Projects under PPP scheme in Maharashtra**

1136. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of projects under Public Private Partnership (PPP) scheme going on in Maharashtra;
- (b) the districts which are covered under this scheme; and
- (c) the total fund allocated and the amount sanctioned for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Twelve numbers of road projects have been taken up under Public Private Partnership scheme under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in Maharashtra.

(b) These projects cover the districts of Nagpur, Amravati, Bhandara, Pune, Solapur, Satara, Sangli, Kolhapur, Nasik, Dhule, Nandurbar and Thane.

(c) The estimated total project cost of these projects in Maharashtra is about Rs 10,580 crore.

**Building of tunnel connecting Rohtang Pass and  
Lahaul Valley with Manali**

1137. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to build a tunnel connecting Rohtang Pass and Lahaul valley with Manali;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the project when completed would pave the way for economic development and tourism in the region; and
- (d) how Government proposes to safeguard the environment and Himalayan ecology?