

package "4-laning of Ochira to Thiruvananthapuram section (Km 465/000 to Km 551/900) of NH-47 to be constructed by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III.

(b) No, Sir. The Bids for 4 laning of Ochira-Thiruvananthapuram stretch of NH-47 on BOT (Toll) basis were received on 24.8.09 but due to the impasse arising out of the demand of the Government of Kerala to construct the said 4 lane within 30 m ROW, the Bidding process has been cancelled.

#### **Progress of NH-5 four lane work**

1141. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not completing the NH-5 four lane work, Angul-Sukinda and Panikolli-Lahunipada road *via* Keonjhar Road along with by-pass road at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road; and

(b) whether Government has any proposal of diverting the by-pass from Ragadichhak of Korai Block to Panikolli instead of going Jajpur road city which will also reduce the length of the road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Out of the total length of 391km identified for four laning of National Highway-5, works in a length of 342 km. have already been completed and are in progress in balance length of 49km. The slow progress is mainly due to termination of the original contract in work packages of (i) Ichapuram-Ganjam section, (ii) Bhadrak-Balasore section and (iii) Ganjam-Shinkhala section. However works in these stretches have already been re-awarded. The other reasons for delay are: delay in issuing blasting license by State Government, renewal of quarry lease, siting criteria for crushing unit and seizure of crushing unit by district administration as per Orissa High Court order. Angul is connected with Sukinda *via* Banarpal, Ballahar Chhak and Pitri junction. Part of Angul-Sukinda (Sukinda-Talchar) road falls on Chandikhole-Dhubri-Talchar section of NH-200 for which bids on Built Operate and Transfer (BOT) toll mode were invited twice. However, there was no response from bidders. The stretch from Talchar to Banarpal on National highway 23 and Banarpal to

Angul on NH-42 is proposed for widening to two lane with paved shoulder under NHDP Phase IV with the provision of capacity augmentation. It is at feasibility stage. As regard Panikoli to Lahunipada via Keonjhar Road, four laning work on Rimuli-Roxy-Lahunipada-Rajamunda Section of NH 215 is already awarded on BOT (Toll) mode. From Panikoli - Keonjhar -Rimuli Section of 215, bids on BOT (Toll) mode were invited twice. However, there was no response from bidders. The work is at Request For Qualification (RFQ) stage.

(b) Yes Sir, there is a proposal for a by-pass for Jajpur Town from Ragadichhak.

#### **Toll stations in the country**

†1142. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise total number of toll stations set up till date in the country;
- (b) the State-wise amount deposited annually therein;
- (c) the State-wise number of toll stations proposed to be set up;
- (d) for how many more years public has to pay toll apart from road tax and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether toll tax is being levied without permission in some States; if so, the details thereof and the details of the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Details regarding total number of toll stations set up till date and State-wise amount deposit during the last three years are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) As and when widening of highway stretches is completed, notifications for toll plazas on the stretches are issued. The number of toll plazas depends on the length of highway stretches for which widening is completed.

(d) User Fee is to be collected in perpetuity.

(e) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.