

- (a) the number of proposed National Highways under Vision 2020;
- (b) the number of highways, where work has started so far; and
- (c) the number and details of highways where work has yet to start and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Ministry in 2001 had prepared, through Indian Roads Congress (IRC), 'Road Development Plan Vision : 2021' for a period of 20 years (2001-2021). This document serves as only a valuable guide to the Centre and the State Governments for the planning purpose. The document *inter-alia* recommended a limited expansion of the National Highways (NH) system so as to have total length of NH Network of 80,000 km upto 2021 as compared to existing total NH length of about 57,700 km during the year 2000. The total length of NHs in the country at present is 70,934 km. The Government declares States roads as new NHs from time to time. However, priority is given for development and maintenance of the already existing NHs.

#### **Fencing on both sides on busy and important highways**

1924. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan of the Ministry to put fencing on both the sides of all important and busy highways of the country;
- (b) whether Government is aware that cattle and wild animals are always being killed in road accidents; and
- (c) if so, the number of wild animals and cattles killed in road accidents in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEV S. KHANDELA) : (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). There is no proposal to provide fencing on all the NHs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Accident data is compiled in the Ministry in a format developed as per the Asia Pacific Road Accident Database (APRAD) project of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia

Pacific (UNESCAP). In this format, accident data is prepared on the basis of information provided by the concerned State Government in the 19 item format. The data regarding animals killed on National Highways in Delhi during the last two years is not available. The number of animals killed on National Highways in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during the year 2007 is 42 and 58 respectively.

#### **Upgradation of State roads of Bharuch district in Gujarat**

1925. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has forwarded a proposal for the upgradation of two State roads of Bharuch district Dahej-Jolva-Navipur road and Dazhej-Muler Anand Jambuar road to National Highway under Petroleum-Chemical and Petroleum Investment Region (PCPIR);

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal and action taken thereon; and

(c) whether his Ministry has approved the proposal and earmarked the funds under the Central Road Fund (CRF) and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **Implementation of New National Permit Scheme**

1926. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the salient features of the New National Permit Scheme;

(b) whether scheme of the New National Permit has been implemented in all States;

(c) if not, the number of States which have not implemented the scheme along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to implement the scheme throughout the country in a uniform manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEV S. KHANDELA) : (a) National permit as per new National Permit Scheme can be