

**Annual work plan formulated by NHAI**

2694. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that for expeditious completion of National Highways Development Project, annual work plans have been formulated by the NHAI;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the achievements made under the annual work plans so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For expeditious completion of National Highways Development Project (NHDP), the Government has approved for award of contracts for 23,744 km up to 2010-11 under Work Plan-I and Work Plan-II.

- (c) So far, contracts for a total length of 5822 km have been awarded under Work Plans I & II.

**Delay in road projects funded by World Bank**

†2695. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether World Bank has made any comments regarding delay in completing the road projects financed by it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Government's reaction in this regard and the action contemplated in this regard;
- (d) whether Government is contemplating setting up a road appellate tribunal and a sector regulator; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps contemplated to increase skilled manpower in road sector and for modernizing technology and equipment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH): (a) to (c) 4-laning of Lucknow-UP/Bihar border section of NH-28 is in progress under the World Bank loan assistance. Recently, the World Bank Mission visited the project and has

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