

(b) the works out of this proposed to be done in collaboration with the State Government, on B.O.T. basis;

(c) whether Government has approved these works, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Ten National Highway stretches of Chhattisgarh have been selected for upgradation under the proposed phase 4B of National Highway Development Project (NHDP), which is yet to be approved by the Government. Out of these ten works, following two works are being done in collaboration with State the Government on B.O.T. basis:—

1. Bilaspur-Urdawal-Orissa border section of NH-200
2. Raigarh-Sarangarh-Saraipali section of NH-216

Poor condition of NH 24

†2444. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the heavy rush of traffic, obstruction and poor condition of national highway 24 from Delhi to Rampur; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve the condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Considering the traffic volume, NH-24 is being widened to 4/6 lane. The steps have also been taken to repair the National Highway to make it traffic worthy.

Maintenance of NHs in Kerala

2445. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways in Kerala has been regularly maintained and Government has allotted funds for annual maintenance as per demands;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and spent during the last three years;

(c) the details of CRF fund given to the State of Kerala in the last three years; and

(d) what is the total annual outlay of Central Road Fund (CRF) nationally for the last three years?

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