

Pension Scheme, 1995. The Expert Committee has submitted its report to the Central Government on 05.08.2010, which is under consideration.

State roads as NH in Kerala

3223. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many roads from Kerala State have been declared as National Highway (NH) in the last ten years;

(b) whether Kerala Government has submitted request to declare seven State roads as NH; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) The total length of National Highways at present in the State of Kerala is 1457 km. Two roads have been declared as National Highway (NH) in the State of Kerala during the last ten years.

(b) and (c) Yes, Madam. Expansion of NH network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds

Need of a flyover at Kherki/Dhaura Chowk on NH-8

3224. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2713 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18 August, 2010 and state:

(a) whether the consultant appointed for feasibility study for construction of flyover at Kherki, Dhaura Chowk has since submitted their report to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of large number of pedestrians losing their lives due to crossing of road, the Government/NHAI propose to construct underpass at Kherki/Dhaura Chowk at the earliest; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In order to provide additional facilities for road users at Kherki, Dhaura Chowk (where pedestrian under pass is already existing) including adjoining stretches on National Highway No. 8, a consultant was appointed. The Consultant has submitted the report with three alternatives *viz.* (i) Construction of vehicular underpass at Narsinghpur, Hero Honda and Kherki Dhaura and overpass at Anaj Mandi (ii) Elevated stretch