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			km. 262 in Bareilly district was damaged due to rain/flood. An estimate amounting to Rs. 8.52 crore sanctioned for repair of damaged portion. The repair work has been completed and the road is in the traffic worthy condition.
7.	24	Bareilly to Sitapur (km. 262.000 to km. 413.200)	An estimate amounting to Rs. 2.93 crore sanctioned for repair of damaged portion. The repair work has been completed and the road is in the traffic worthy condition.
8.	24	Sitapur to Lucknow section (km. 413.200 to km. 488.275)	Four laning work under NHDP phase-III is in progress. Out of total length of 75 km. Four laning in 61 km. has already been completed. The stretch is being maintained by the Concessionaire.

Expansion of Highways in Andhra Pradesh

3238. 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 Government proposes to expand the National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the Highways in Andhra Pradesh selected for expansion; and
- (d) the amount earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) The Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the Country. The existing National Highway network in the country is 70,934 kilometre. The Government has received proposals for about 60,000 kilometre from various State Governments including that of the Government of Andhra Pradesh requesting for declaration of new National Highways. Presently, the priority of the Government is to develop and maintain the already existing National Highway network. However, expansion of National Highway 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 resources.