

- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to expedite the work;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There is some delay in construction of Pinjore to Timber Trail portion under 4 laning of Zirakpur-Parwanoo section.

(b) The reasons of delay is mainly due to delay in clearance of forest land in State of Himachal Pradesh which was cleared in November, 2009 and tree cutting on this forest land was completed in February, 2010. The other reason for delay is that the project requires 60 m of Right of Way (ROW) whereas five km of alignment passing through the forest area is cleared only for 30 m width of ROW thereby leading to change in scope of work due to additional protection works.

(c) and (d) The progress of the work is being monitored on a regular basis. There is regular interaction between NHAI, Government of Himachal Pradesh and the Concessionaire to sort out contentious issues and expedite the work.

(e) The project is likely to be completed by June, 2011.

Schemes running behind schedule in M.P.

†298. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes being operated at present by his Ministry in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether these schemes are running behind their schedules;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the efforts made by Government to run these schemes properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) There are various schemes being operated by this Ministry in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The development and maintenance of the National Highways in the State are being undertaken under National Highways Development Projects (NHDP), and non-NHDP schemes.

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Selected stretches of State roads are being developed under Centrally sponsored schemes of Central Road Fund (CRF), Inter-State Connectivity (ISC), Economic Importance (EI) and roads in area affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE), depending upon urgency, availability of funds and *inter-se* priority of the works.

(b) to (d) There has been some delay in few works on account of land acquisition (L.A.), utility shiftings, forest clearance and other contractual issues. In order to remove bottlenecks in completion of the projects, the projects are being monitored at various levels in the State Government and the Central Government at regular interval.

Targets for NH roads and bridges in Jharkhand

299. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the physical and financial targets of NH roads and bridges for the next three years in Jharkhand;

(b) the works of highway roads and bridges under proposal and in progress; and

(c) whether priority is given to LWE districts; if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) No State-wise physical and financial targets for development of NHs including bridges are set under Five Year Plans. Further, three-year plans are not prepared for development of NHs.

(b) Under Annual Plan for NH works during 2010-11 for the State of Jharkhand, a provision of Rs. 285.00 crore have been made for taking up various types of development/improvement works of roads and bridges. Apart from this, 534 km length of National Highways and 248 km length of State Roads have been included for development to 2-lane standard under 'Road Requirement Plan' for Left Wing Extremism areas in Jharkhand. Out of which, 11 Nos. of works on National Highways for an aggregate length of 431.79 km costing Rs. 528.88 crore have been sanctioned. Projects in 12 packages with aggregate length of 1491 km have been taken up for 6/4/2-laning with paved shoulders under various phases of National Highway Development Projects (NHDP). 50 Nos. of road works costing to Rs.427.76 crore and 32 Nos. of bridge works costing to Rs. 102.78 crore are in progress out of budgetary resources.