

NHs target of NHAI

1683. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many kilometers of National Highways were supposed to be built by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the current year;
- (b) how many kilometers have been built during the first six months of the Financial Year;
- (c) whether Government expect to meet its plan target; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) 2500 km has been targeted for completion in the current year by NHAI.

- (b) 692 km. are completed by NHAI upto September, 2010.
- (c) and (d) NHAI is making all out efforts to meet the planned target.

Inadequate roads to tackle increasing traffic

†1684. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are not adequate roads to tackle the increasing traffic;
- (b) if so, the ratio of the increase in traffic and the construction of roads throughout the country;
- (c) whether there is any imbalance in this ratio; and
- (d) if so, the action-plan made by Government to tackle this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) and the State roads other than NHs are the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The development and maintenance of NHs including expansion of NH network is a continuous process. The works on NHs, including widening/upgradation of the NHs, are accordingly taken up in a phased manner as per the traffic and its density, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. The expansion of NH network is also done from time to time depending upon the requirement of connectivity, availability of funds and *inter-se* priority based upon the proposals received from the State Governments to declare State roads as new NHs.

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