

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the cost of the project and the expected time period 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) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry has sanctioned the work of widening of NH-24 from Delhi/UP border (Km. 8.000) to Km. 28.280 from 4 lane to 6 lane.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Ministry has sanctioned the proposal for Rs. 128.04 crore and the work is expected to be completed in March, 2012.

Damaged NH-53 disrupting movement of traffic

1687. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that newly constructed NH-53 has been damaged in October, 2010 disrupting movement to traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been initiated in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) About 50m formation of NH 53 has been washed away at km. 26.300 of Silchar-Badarpar section near Panchgram due to scouring by river Barak on 20th October, 2010.

(c) and (d) As a short term measures, restoration work of the affected portion has been taken up and traffic restored on 9th November, 2010. As regard long term measures, the proposal for restoration work has been taken up in consultation with the Railways and the State Flood Control Department.

(e) Does not arise.

Declaration of new roads as NHs in Kerala

1688. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has recommended new roads to be declared as National Highways, and to provide more funds for their development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and Government's action thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala has submitted 8 proposals for declaration of new NH in Kerala for a total length of 1027.65 km. Expansion of NH network is a continuous process and declaration of new NH is taken up by the Ministry from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority of roads and availability of funds.

Damage to NHs due to heavy rains and floods

1689. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some National Highways have been widely damaged due to heavy rains and flood this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the portion which are to be repaired by toll collectors have been completed;

(d) if not, the reasons for that; and

(e) by when all damaged roads will be repaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The State/Union Territory-wise details of the damages caused to National Highways (NHs) due to heavy rains and floods so far during this year are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) to (d) The NH stretches which are being implemented/has been developed on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis, maintenance is carried out by the Concessionaire as part of their obligations under concession agreement. Presently, two NH stretches under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are being maintained through Operation Maintenance-Transfer (OMT) concessionaire.