

(b) the estimated cost of the projects in details and their status so far; and

(c) whether there is any proposal pending with the Ministry from Government of Orissa to make NH roads in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The National Highways (NHs) connecting Orissa which have been identified for widening to four-lanes/six-lanes are (i) erstwhile NH-6 (New NH-49) from Kharagpur to Orissa border in the State of West Bengal and Jharkhand (ii) erstwhile NH-6 (New NH-53) from Aurang to Orissa border in the State of Chhattisgarh and (iii) erstwhile NH-5 (New NH-16) from Anandpuram to Ichapuram in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The feasibility study has been completed and the works are at the stage of preparation of Detailed Project Report which is schedule for completion by January, 2011. It is too early to indicate the estimated cost of the projects in detail.

(c) 14 proposals for declaration of State roads as new National Highways in the State of Orissa are pending with the Ministry.

Slow pace of construction work of NH-24

†1666. SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction work of NH-24 from Delhi to Rampur and onwards *via* Moradabad has either been stopped for the last six years or going on with quite slow pace;

(b) by when this work is expected to be completed;

(c) the extent of fund allotted so far to complete construction of NH-24;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that main reasons for delay in work progress is corruption on large scale; and

(e) whether any effective steps are being taken by Government to resume the work of NH-24 and eliminate the corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) The stretch from Km. 0.000 to 8.000 of NH-24 is 8 lane. Ministry has sanctioned the work of six laning from Km. 8.00 to 28.280. From Km. 28.800 to 58.000, four laning has been completed. From Km. 58.000 to 488.275, four laning has been undertaken by NHAI and the work is in various stages of progress. Status is given in the Statement-I (See below).

(d) and (e) Reasons for delay are as under:—

(i) Initial delay in tree cutting by the State Forest Deptt. due to imposition of additional condition of providing 10 mtr. strip along the highway.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (ii) Delay in approval for tree cutting from Central Wild Life Board, approach road to Ganga Bridge and one side approach to flyover falling under Hastinapur Wild Life Sanctuary.
- (iii) Delay in acquisition of land by the Competent Authority and removal of encroachments/structures by Distt. Authorities.
- (iv) Delay in shifting of utilities and relocation of religious structure.
- (v) Slow progress by the Contractor.

Statement

Status of construction work of NH-24

Sl. No.	NH. No.	Stretch/Section	Status
1	2	3	4
1.	24	Nizamuddin to U.P. Border Border, Km. 0 to Km. 8	Already eight lane.
2.	24	U.P. Border to Dasna, Km. 8 to Km. 28	Ministry has sanctioned the proposal for six laning from Km. 8.00 to 28.280. Work is expected to be completed by March, 2012.
3.	24	Km. 28.00 to Km. 58 Hapur Section	Already four laned.
4.	24	Hapur to Garhmukteshwar (Km. 58 to Km. 93)	4-laning of Hapur – Garhmukteshwar section (Km. 58.00 to 93.00) of NH-24 was awarded with schedule completion as Sep., 2007. Out of total length of 35 Km., 18.5 Km. 4-laning has already been completed. The physical progress achieved till October, 2010 is 63.73%. The project is likely to be completed by June, 2011.
5.	24	Garhmukteshwar to Moradabad (Km. 93 to Km. 149)	Garhmukteshwar to Moradabad Section (56 Km.) has been completed in July, 2009.
6.	24	Moradabad to Barailly (Km. 148 to Km. 262)	4-laning of Moradabad–Bareilly Section of NH-24 has been awarded to M/s IL & FS Transportation on

1	2	3	4
			BOT (Toll) basis. Agreement signed on 19.02.2010. Work is likely to start by Dec., 2010.
7.	24	Barailly to Sitapur (Km. 262.000 to Km. 413.200	4-laning of Bareilly—Sitapur Section of NH-24 has been awarded to M/s Era-Sibmost on BOT (Toll) basis. Agreement signed on 22.06.2010. Work is likely to start by January, 2011.
8.	24	Sitapur Lucknow Section from Km. 413.200 to Km. 488.275	Four laning work under NHDP phase-III is in progress. Out of total length of 75 Km., 55 Km. 4-laning has already been completed. The physical progress achieved till October, 2010 is 79.8% and likely to be completed by March, 2011.

MoU with China in road transport and highways

1667. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and China have signed an MoU in the areas of road transport and highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide huge opportunities to Chinese construction companies in National Highway projects in India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) No such proposal is under consideration.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Use of natural rubber for maintenance of roads

1668. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated strategy for use of natural rubber in roads as recommended by experts;