

Transport Development Policy Committee under the chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Mohan to comprehensively review the transport sector.

(c) and (d) So far as this Ministry is concerned no recommendation of the Transport Policy Development Committee is pending for implementation.

(e) and (f) Keeping in view the need of the road transport sector, the Government has already initiated necessary process to finalise a National Road Transport Policy. Comments of the States/UTs on the National Road Transport Policy recommended by a Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Shri D. Thangaraj, the then Principal Secretary, Government of Karnataka have been invited and also received from some of the States/UTs. Comments/views of the concerned line Ministries/Departments have also been received.

**Special financial assistance to Punjab and Haryana to
maintain/repair of NHs**

1670. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special financial assistance has been provided to the States of Punjab and Haryana to maintain/repair National Highways damaged during the recent heavy rains;

(b) whether any central team was sent to assess the losses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, a central team led by the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, in which Regional Officer, Chandigarh of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways was a member visited to assess the damages of road due to heavy rain. Based on the damages assessed by Regional Officer, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Chandigarh and based on availability of funds, Ministry has sanctioned funds under Flood Damage Repair (FDR New) for Rs. 0.72 Crore and Rs. 1.80 Crore for Punjab and Haryana respectively.

**Increase in estimated cost due to slow progress
of construction of roads**

†1671. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set the target of constructing 20 kms. of road per day, whereas only the construction of 12 kms. of road a day could have been possible;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the slow progress in the construction of roads, the estimated cost is also increasing day by day; and

(c) if so, the steps taken for achieving the target set for construction of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) In order to meet the target of constructing 20 km. of Highways per day, it is essential that at any given point of time approximately 20,000 km. of works are under way. Presently, National Highways development works are under implementation in a length of around 14,500 km. and further award of additional works in a length of around 10,000 km. is targeted before end of 2010-2011.

(b) Increase in cost due to delay are borne by the Concessionaires of BOT projects. However, cost overrun in Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) projects is paid by Government as per contract provisions.

(c) In order to expedite implementation of projects, Regional Offices headed by Chief General Managers have been set up by NHAI for close monitoring of implementation of projects. Six zonal offices headed by Executive Directors have also been created for coordination with State Government for pre construction activities. Projects are periodically reviewed at the field and at the HQs.

Four laning of Jammu-Srinagar NHs

1672. SHRI G.N. RATANPURI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far and earmarked for four laning of Jammu-Srinagar National Highways during the year 2010-11;

(b) the expected date of completion of this project; and

(c) the details of other road projects under his Ministry (if any) in Jammu and Kashmir with expected cost and time schedule for completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The expenditure incurred during 2010-11 so far for Jammu-Srinagar Section of National Highways is as follows:

(i) Land Acquisition Rs. 475 crores

(ii) Forest Diversion Rs. 31 crores

(iii) Utility Shifting Rs. 31 crores

The status of the projects is given in the Statement-I (See below).

(c) The detail of other projects on National Highways in the State of Jammu and Kashmir is given in the Statement-II.