

National Highway from Muzaffarnagar to Rishikesh

†868. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of National Highway from Muzaffarnagar to Rishikesh has started;
- (b) if so, the time limit set for completion of this work;
- (c) the reasons for delay in floating tenders for this construction work; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Work of 4-laning of NH-58, from Muzaffarnagar (Km. 131.00 Rampur Tiraha) to Rishikesh (Nepal Farm km. 218.200) has been awarded by National Highways Authority of India. The work is likely to commence shortly with construction period of 30 months. The stretch from km 218.200 to km 229 (Rishikesh) is with State PWD which is mainly 2 lane with paved shoulder except 1.75 km which is 2 lane.

(c) and (d) The delay occurred due to poor response to bids invited by NHAI and subsequent restructuring of the project. The work has since been awarded.

India's road death record

869. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's road death record has worsened from 1.18 lakh in 2008 to 1.26 lakh in 2009, according to the National Crime Records Bureau;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether two-wheelers are most prone to accidents; and
- (d) if so, the details in the year 2010 and measures taken to control this hazard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes Sir. As per report "Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India" published by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 118239 and 126896 persons died in road accidents in the country during the years 2008 and 2009 respectively.

- (b) Road accidents are mainly caused due to a number of factors such as driver's

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