

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Overloading of vehicles on National Highways cause early signs of distress such as raveling, pot holes, cracks in pavement, edge breaking etc leading to reduction in overall life of pavement. Overloaded vehicles increase congestion on the Highways and can also cause accidents, involving other vehicles.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Enforcement of the provisions under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 imposing penalties on the overloaded vehicles, is the responsibility of the State Governments.

**Target for road constructions**

†398. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set targets for the construction of roads during current financial year;

(b) if so, the road length targeted to be constructed in the country during the year 2010-11;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the mid term review in the current year has revealed that only 691 kilometres of road length could be constructed during the past six months;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the reasons that Government has not been able to achieve the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has targeted completion of 2500 km length of Highways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) during 2010-11.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. 692 km could be completed in the current year upto September, 2010. So far 1322 km has been completed in this year upto January, 2011 under NHDP.

(e) Shortfall in achieving the targets are due to various reasons like delay in obtaining forest/environmental clearances, ROBs clearances from Railways, land acquisition and utility shifting, poor performance of some contractors and poor law and order condition in some States.

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