

iii) 6 laning of NH-58 from km 8.00 to km 52.250.

Final feasibility study for Delhi-Meerut Expressway is in progress. The work of four laning of NH-91 from Ghaziabad to Aligarh is in progress and likely to be completed by August, 2013.

#### **Shortfall in laying National Highways**

571. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government awarded 5,083 km. of National Highways last year, but managed to construct only 1780.34 km;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such slow progress in laying National Highways; and

(c) the action taken by Government to speed up building of National Highways as fixed earlier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) During 2010-11, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) awarded projects in a length of 5,058.95 km and constructed for a length of 1780.34 km as per details are given in the Statement (*See below*). Length completed depends on quantum of work under implementation at a point of time and the time when these were awarded. A road project, usually has a 3 year construction period. NHAI awarded only 5237 km during last three years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 & 2009-10. This comparatively lower quantum of award in previous years affected the completion rate in 2010-11. Progress in implementation has also been affected by poor performance of some contractors, delay in obtaining forest/wild life clearances from Ministry of Environment & Forest, railway clearances, law & order problems in some states, delay in land acquisition etc.

(c) To achieve higher completion rates NHAI has accelerated the award of projects. In order to expedite implementation of projects Regional Offices, each headed by Chief General Managers have been set up by NHAI for close monitoring of implementation of projects. Two zonal offices, each headed by Executive Director have also been set up at Bhopal and Bangalore for close monitoring of pre-construction activities. Achievement of targets is being monitored closely. Projects are periodically reviewed at field and at Head Quarters.

**Statement**

*Details of the achievement during 2010-11*

Sl. No.	Phase	Length completed (in km)	Length awarded (in km)
1	NHDP Phase-I	89.75	6
2	NHDP Phase-II	645.59	159.76
3	NHDP Phase-III	661.98	2610.79
4	NHDP Phase IV	-	765
5	NHDP Phase-V	367.77	987.4
6	Misc/special projects	15.25	418
7	Special Accelerated Road Development Programme (North East)	-	112
TOTAL		1780.34	5058.95

**Tardy progress in construction of roads**

572. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 2010-11, the Ministry could award on an average, 14 km. a day but it could construct only 4.9 kms against the target of 20 kms/day;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a tardy progress in achieving the target: and

(c) the efforts the Ministry is making to achieve 20 kms/day target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) During 2010-11, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) awarded projects for a length of 5,059 km (13.86 km per day) and completed a length of 1780.34 km (4.9 km