

Development of highways in LWE area

3953. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Jharkhand has proposed development of 20 schemes of State Highways (SH)/Major District Roads (MDR) to the Ministry in May, 2009 under the improvement of Road Connectivity in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected Area Programme of Gol;

(b) whether the Ministry has approved only 10 schemes out of the proposed 20 in RRP-I;

(c) whether Chief Minister of Jharkhand wrote to the Minister on 28th October, 2010 and 28th May, 2011 and also met on 29th October, 2010 and 7th-July, 2011 to request approval of the project; and

(d) if so, the steps that have been taken for approval of the rest 10 schemes of SH/MDR proposed earlier and 22 additional proposal of SH/MDR further identified by Government of Jharkhand for inclusion in RRP-II?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The remaining 10 stretches and additional 22 stretches proposed by the State Government for inclusion in Phase II of Road Requirement Plan for LWE affected areas have been sent to Ministry of Home Affairs for finalization based on priority given by the State Government.

Funds to Kerala for NHs

3954. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is allocating necessary funds to Kerala for the construction and maintenance of the NHs in poor motorable conditions and

(b) if so, the details of amount allotted in the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) The construction and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and funds are being allocated for the above purpose from time to time depending on the *inter-se* priority of works and overall availability of funds. The details of amount allotted in the last five years are as under:

Year	Construction/improvement/ strengthening (Amount: Rs. in crore)	Maintenance & Repairs (Amount: Rs. in crore)
2006-2007	51.00	20.35
2007-2008	50.00	29.32
2008-2009	62.74	43.61
2009-2010	118.34	28.60
2010-2011	85.45	57.23

Policy for development of National Highways

3955. SHRI KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any policy for the development of National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to widen the National Highways in the country including Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (d) The development of National Highways (NH) and the works for the development of NHs (including their widening) in the country including those in the State of Jharkhand is a continuous process and the works are, accordingly, taken up based on the traffic