

to provide an integrated and sustainable transport system to encourage competitive pricing and co-ordination between the alternative modes of transport. The NTDPC also, inter-alia, constituted a Working Group on Roads in July, 2010. The NTDPC has not yet finalized its report.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Asian highways project

3967. SHRI MUKUT MITHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the length, cost and stretches of the Asian Highways project that fall within the North-Eastern States and their progress so far;

(b) the likely benefits for North East India; and

(c) the constraints and target of completing the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) India signed the Inter-Governmental Agreement on Asian Highway Network during the 60th Annual Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP), held in April, 2004.

The agreement is for coordinated development of the highway routes falling on the Asian Highway Network in each country to a minimum acceptable standard within the framework of their national programmes, envisaged in turn to develop international tourism, trade, transport and commerce. However, no specific time frame for completion of works has been stipulated in the Agreement.

The Asian Highways (AH) 1 and AH 2 passes through the North-Eastern States of India following the National Highway stretches from the Indo-Myanmar border at Moreh in the State of Manipur via Imphal-Kohima (Nagaland)-Dimapur-Nagaon-Jorabat (Assam)-Shillong-Dawki-Tamabil upto Indo-Bangladesh border in the State of Meghalaya having a length of about 740 km. The details of the projects included under East-West Corridor under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East (SARDP-NE) on the above mentioned Asian Highway. Routes, their lengths, estimated costs, present status and anticipated date of completion are given in statement (See below). The implementation of these projects was initially affected due to delay in land acquisition, utility shifting, law and order problems, delay in obtaining forest/ wild life clearances, etc. The anticipated date of completion of East-West Corridor and SARDP-NE stretches on this route are December, 2012 and March, 2015 respectively.

Apart from this, the balance lengths of about 434 km are being developed and maintained as per availability of funds, inter-se priority and traffic density.

Statement

*Details of the projects undertaken under NHDP, SARDP-NE on
the stretches of Asian Highways in the North East*

NH No.	Name of State	Section	Length (km)	Details of Projects			
				Estimated Cost (Rs. crore)	Programme	Physical progress	Target for completion
NH 39	Nagaland	Kohima - Dimapur	81	1098	SARDP-NE	Request for Proposal (RFQ) to be invited	March, 2015
NH 36&37	Assam	Daboka - Nagaon - Jorabat	145	1192	East-West Corridor under NHDP	112 km 4-laning completed	December, 2012
NH40	Meghalaya	Jorabat - Barapani	62	536	SARDP-NE	10%	January, 2014
NH 40	Meghalaya	Barapani-Shillong	18	180	SARDP-NE	DPR under preparation	March, 2015