iv) Road Safety audit is being taken up in selected stretches of National Highways by NHAI.

Special Central Government package for roads

2569. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether Himachal Pradesh has sought a special Central Government package for strengthening its road network for the smooth transportation of apples and other important cash crops grown outside the State; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof and Governments response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National and express highways in NE region

2570. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the actual number of approved National and Express Highways in the States of North East and the total length thereof;
- (b) whether any proposal is under consideration with the Ministry for proposed new National and Express Highways for the States of North East as on date;
 - (c) if so, district-wise details thereof;
 - (d) State where there is less number of National Highways network; and
 - (e) by when the approval is likely to be given by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) There are 47 number of approved National Highways having the total length of 8480 km in the States of North East. As on date, there is no approved Express Highway in the States of North East.

(b) and (c) As on date, 21 proposals are under consideration with the Ministry for proposed new National Highways for the States of North East. However, National Highways passes through