

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Sir, Presently the proposal for Expressways between Delhi-Chandigarh and Delhi-Jaipur is at an initial stage only. The consultant for fixing the alignment (pre-feasibility study) for the proposed Expressway between Delhi and Jaipur has been appointed.

(c) Both the proposals are under an early stage of consideration. Hence, it is not feasible to indicate target for completion at this stage.

WHO report of road accidents in India

2552. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the WHO report which places India as the country with the highest number of road accidents;

(b) whether young people between 15 and 29 years are the likeliest to suffer road accidents according to this report; and

(c) the initiatives Government has taken to create road safety awareness among youth and whether these initiatives have been successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR CHAUDHARY): (a) As per the latest issue of the "World Road Statistics" (WRS) 2010, brought out by the International Road Federation (IRF), Geneva, United States of America had reported the maximum number of injury accidents at 16,30,000 in the world followed by Japan at 7,66,147 and India at 4,84,704 for the year 2008. The highest number of fatalities in road accidents in the world in 2008 was reported by India (1,19,860), followed by China (73,484) and United States of America (37,261).

(b) As per the report, "World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention" published by the World Health Organization in the year 2004, the highest number of road traffic deaths (20 per cent) were in the age group 15-29 years during the year 2002.

(c) With a view to raise road safety awareness among the general public, the Government have been undertaking various publicity measures through Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP) and professional agencies in the form of telecast/broadcast of T.V. spots/Radio

jingles, hoardings, organizing Road Safety Week, Seminars, Exhibitions, All India Essay Competition on Road Safety, printing of posters, children activity books etc., containing road safety messages for various segments of road users viz. pedestrians, cyclists, school children, heavy vehicle drivers etc.

As per the feedback received from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), which conducted an All India Essay Competition on Road Safety during the year 2010-2011, more than one lakh students participated in the competition. The book on road signage and signs, children activity books etc. are also very popular amongst school children.

Construction of a major bridge on NH-218

2553. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal was received in the Ministry in October, 2010, from the State Government of Karnataka for approval of construction of major bridge at 161.35 km on NH-218 in the Bijapur-Hubli section;

(b) whether the proposal has been considered in the Ministry, so far;

(c) whether any decision in this regard has been taken by the Ministry; and

(d) by when the State Government would be informed of the approval?

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

(b) to (d) State Government of Karnataka had submitted an estimate for the approval of the Ministry. The estimate could not be sanctioned during 2010-11 as the permissible limit of sanction for the State of Karnataka had been exhausted.

Handing over of road to BRO

2554. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Assam has forwarded proposal regarding handing over the road from Old Missamari to Balilpara (NH-52 point) via Rangapara in the Sonitpur district of Assam to the Border Roads Organization (BRO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and