

**Highway projects running behind schedule**

3027. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of highway projects in the country are running far behind schedule;
- (b) whether it is proposed to grant certain incentives to ensure completion of such work ahead of the schedule;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the purpose of these incentives are to control delay in execution of such projects; and
- (e) if so, the details of the projects that are proposed to be brought within the ambit of this scheme in Odisha and other underdeveloped naxal-hit States?

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

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.

**Zarap-Patradevi section of NH-17**

3028. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a major portion of the Zarap-Patradevi section of National Highway-17 has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the work on the remaining portion is held up for want of funds; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to release the required funds for early completion of the Project?

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

- (b) 70% of work has been physically completed.
- (c) and (d) No, Sir. The second revised estimate amounting to Rs. 264.05 crore has been sanctioned by the Ministry.