

(b) whether there has been any delay in the feasibility study and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government intends to combine various activities so as to complete the project by the scheduled date *i.e.* December, 2015 in case of delay in the feasibility study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) Feasibility Study of Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway has been completed. The DPR preparation is in progress. On completion of preparation of DPR and Land Acquisition, the process for appointment of the Concessionaire would be initiated for execution of the project.

#### **Growing number of vehicles**

1056. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of vehicles has been growing at an average pace of around 10 per cent per annum;

(b) if so, whether there are sufficient roads to accommodate this growth in future; and

(c) the steps Government is taking for the speedy construction of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) As per available information, the compound annual growth rate of registered motor vehicles in the country was 9.9% during the last decade (2001-2011).

(b) to (c) Development of national highways is the responsibility of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. It is a continuous process and highways are upgraded depending on *inter-se* priority, traffic and availability of funds. Road projects are monitored at various levels from time to time for their speedy implementation.

#### **Delayed highways projects due to non-acquisition of land**

1057. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of highway projects being delayed for want to acquisition of land, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the various State Governments to facilitate acquisition of land without much delay; and

(c) whether any targets have been fixed for completion of these projects?