## Maintenance and upkeep of NHs

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1215. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any study conducted regarding the State of maintenance and repair of National Highways (NHs) in India;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;

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- (c) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has received complaints and notifications regarding the NHs from the States which require urgent repairs to keep them motorable;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof;
  - (e) whether the NHAI has responded to these complaints in a timely manner;
  - (f) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) and (b) The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process. Periodic assessments of the conditions of NHs are being carried out by the executive agencies for taking up remedial measures taking note of the type and extent of damages. Accordingly, the NHs in the country are kept in traffic worthy condition from time to time within the available resources based upon the assessment of their conditions depending upon traffic density and *inter-se* priority of works.

(c) to (g) Complaints of general nature regarding bad condition of some stretches of NHs under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are received from time to time at different offices of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Steps taken by NHAI for redressal of complaints include carrying out urgent repair work, re-surfacing, termination of contract of non-performing contractors and re-awarding the work, etc.

## Highways in Vidarbha

1216. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of contracts awarded for highway projects since January, 2012;
- (b) the length of the highways which were constructed during 2010, 2011 and first two quarters of 2012;
  - (c) the target fixed for highways during the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the length of highways constructed in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra during 2010 and 2011 as that region has very low road connectivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) to (d) The number of contracts awarded since January, 2012 for the State of Maharashtra including Vidarbha region are 27. The length of highways constructed during financial year 2010-11, 2011-12 and first two quarters of 2012-13 are 616.80 km., 384.40 km. and 164.70 km. respectively. The targets for highways are not fixed State-wise during Five Year Plans.