

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Expending construction work of East West Corridor**

1992. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step or special measure to expedite construction work of the East West Corridor and its timely completion within Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the present status of the road from Baihata Chariali to Jalukbari as well as bridge construction near Saraighat, including target fixed for their completion; and

(e) the details of progress and achievement made as well as km.-wise construction work to be completed of East West Corridor from Porbandar to Silchar, since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) to (c) A regional office has been set up at Guwahati to co-ordinate and monitor the projects. Regular monitoring of progress is also being done. State Level Co-ordination Committee has also been formed to expedite the acquisition of land, utility shifting, forest clearance and tree cutting etc. 5 delayed projects have been cancelled and reawarded.

(d) Out of 21 km of road between Baihata Chariali to Saraighat Bridge, 4-laning has been completed in about 5 km of length and the physical progress of the package is 35%. Physical progress of the construction of Saraighat Bridge including Jalukbari junction is 58%. The whole work is targeted for completion by March, 2014.

(e) The total length of East West corridor from Porbandar to Silchar is 3442 Km, out of which 4-laning of 2942 Km length has already been completed. The remaining length of 265 km is under implementation and 235 Km length is yet to be awarded. Out of 265 km under implementation, road of about 231 km length lies in

the State of Assam, 14 Km in the State of West Bengal, 14 Km in the State of Bihar, 4.5 km in the State of Uttar Pradesh and 1.5 km in the State of Rajasthan.

**Delhi-Meerut Expressway**

†1993. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has approved the Delhi-Meerut expressway project;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (c) by when this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) to (c) Delhi-Meerut Expressway project is included under NHDP Phase VI for development of Expressways. The modalities for its construction including alignment, design, mode of delivery, are yet to be finalized.

**Bilateral co-operation with Switzerland in transport sector**

1994. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Switzerland have discussed Bilateral Co-operation in transport sector in the past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether major areas of mutual co-operation in Road, Transport Sector and Railways have been identified;
- (d) if so; the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the reaction of Switzerland thereto; and
- (f) the details of the steps taken by the two countries to enhance Co-operation by sharing of best practices and technologies in transport sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) to (f) During her state visit to India in October, 2012, Mrs. Doris Leuthard, Federal Minister for Environment,

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.