

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) which are all weather roads. The details of length of NHs improved under various schemes during the past five years upto March, 2012 in Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

Sl. No.	Scheme	Total length (Km.)
1.	NH(O)	1376
2.	LWE	62
3.	NHDP	1045

(b) A length of about 290 km., 46 km. and 175 km. under NH(O), LWE and NHDP respectively is targeted for improvement during the current financial year 2012-13.

Demand for providing vantage on NH-60

1184. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is persistent demand for providing vantage (water way) on NH-60 to avoid pending of flood water, and Technical Committee also recommended additional vantage of 1500 mtr. on NH-60 which National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has assured to complete the work within two years in Odisha; and

(b) whether Government is aware of pending flood water around NH-60 due to inadequate water way on the NH causing losses of life and property every year in Odisha, if so, the steps that Government is taking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Due to unprecedented rainfall and flood in the months of September, 2007 and June, 2008, there was a vast submergence on NH-60. The work of construction of new bridges for additional waterways on NH-60, as recommended by the Technical Committee, has already been awarded. The concessionaire has commenced the work on 01.01.2013 and is scheduled for completion by June, 2015.