

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) Various improvement and maintenance works in aggregate length of 288.48 km. amounting to Rs. 120.55 crore have been taken up on Jabalpur-Bhopal section of NH-12, which are scheduled to be completed by June, 2013. Jabalpur-Bhopal section is identified for development to four lane under NHDP Phase-III.

Recarpeting of NHs damaged due to natural calamities

1191. DR. CHANDAN MITRA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked a plan for recarpeting of National Highways damaged due to various natural calamities including heavy monsoon, floods, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated to various States including Madhya Pradesh under Flood Damage Repair (FDR) and Improvement of Road, Material, Quality Management Programme (IRQP) during 2012-13 for taking immediate repair work; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to have a continuous process of development and maintenance of all the National Highways and keep them in roadworthy condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (d) The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process. Periodic assessment of the condition of NHs is carried out by the executive agencies for taking up remedial measures keeping in view the type and extent of damages. Accordingly, the NHs including those damaged due to various natural calamities including heavy monsoon, floods, etc., in the country are kept in traffic worthy condition from time to time within the available resources.

During the year 2012-13, a total of Rs. 5,895.98 crore has been allocated to the States/Union Territories (UTs) including the State of Madhya Pradesh for development (also includes IRQP) and maintenance of NHs, which includes allocation of Rs. 186.11 crore for temporary restoration of damages to the NHs due to various natural calamities including heavy monsoon, floods, etc.

New policy for development of National Highways

†1192. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced any new policy for the development of the National Highways in the country;
- (b) if so, the roads identified under this scheme, State-wise; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred, road-wise for the extension of national highways during Twelfth Five Year Plan and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total Plan expenditure during the 1st Year of the Twelfth Five Year Plan is Rs. 14,242.23 crore, as on January, 2013. The NH-wise expenditure are not maintained.

Demand of extra time to raise finance for road projects

1193. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that organisations, which were awarded more than 2000 kms. of the road projects last year, have asked for extra time to raise finance for construction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether despite the aforementioned situation, the Ministry has decided to award more projects on Engineering Procurement Contract (EPC) Mode; and

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