

obtaining approval for rail over bridges, shortage of skilled/semi-skilled manpower and economic slowdown, etc. No such study with respect of losses incurred due to delay has been carried out.

Maintenance work of highways in West Bengal

3351. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of highways in West Bengal which have been taken up for maintenance work under National Highways Development Programme for the last two years;
- (b) how much work has been done so far; and
- (c) total funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) Eight National Highways have been taken up for maintenance work in West Bengal which are being developed under National Highways Development Programme (NHDP). All works of maintenance have been completed except one work of special repair on NH-34 (Airport km. 14.0 to Berhampore km. 193.0), which is in progress. About Rs. 92 crore have been allocated in last two years for maintenance purpose.

Extension of National Highway No. 12

†3352. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Rajasthan has sent any proposal to Government for extension of National Highway No. 12;
- (b) if so, whether its approval has been given;
- (c) if so, the technical and financial details of the work; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Widening of NH-8D and NH-8E

3353. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that millions of devotees across the country visit holy places of Somnath and Dwarka located on National Highway No. 8 E; and

(b) if so, the plan of Government for widening of NH-8E and NH-8D to six lane standard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the present estimated traffic at different sections of homogeneous stretches of NH-8D and NH-8E, the above National Highways do not qualify for six laning.

Target of construction of 20 kms. road in a day

3354. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Ministry proposed to construct 20 kms. of road a day;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has not been able to achieve this target of 20 kms. a day;

(c) if so, the reasons for not achieving the same;

(d) the reasons that the pace of construction was dwindled from 13.72 kms. on 2009-10 to 10.15 kms. in 2011-12; and

(e) the bottlenecks that the Ministry is facing and how it is planning to address the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (e) This Ministry contemplated construction of 20 km roads a day in the year 2009-10. The targeted and completed length under various schemes including Special Accelerated Road