

(b) the number of road projects of NHAI under implementation in Jharkhand State as on date, the status of implementation at the projects running behind schedule along with the reasons therefor and the time of completion of these projects; and

(c) the funds allocated for construction, conversion and maintenance of roads, NHs to Jharkhand along with the funds released and expenditure incurred during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) 78 km. length of National Highways (NHs) have been constructed/converted to four lane during the last three years in Jharkhand.

(b) There are three nos of projects under implementation for four laning in the State of Jharkhand, as on date, of which, one project of four laning of Hazaribagh-Ranchi section of NH-33 is delayed due to Land Acquisition. This work is targeted for completion by July, 2013.

(c) The year-wise funds allocated and expenditure incurred is as below:

(Rs. in crore)

| | | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
|--|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Construction of NHs | Allocation | 131.77 | 105.00 | 100.00 |
| | Expenditure | 122.32 | 97.23 | 97.46 |
| Construction of roads and Highway under LWE | Allocation | 40.00 | 115.00 | 200.00 |
| | Expenditure | 39.96 | 110.56 | 190.08 |
| Maintenance Repair of NHs | Allocation | 43.26 | 21.79 | 59.50 |
| | Expenditure | 37.19 | 21.09 | 44.29 |

Four lane construction work on Angul Sukinda Road

3373. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons due to which the Angul Sukinda Road and Panikoili Rajamunda Road four lane road construction work has not yet been started although State Government and Central Government are getting enough revenue from the area;

(b) whether Government has taken appropriate steps to complete the four lane work of NH 5 from Bhubaneswar to Ichhapur and Balasore to Lakhmannath; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the multinational contractors engaged in Odisha for construction of NH 5 have not paid the construction workers welfare cess; if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) The stretch from Angul to Sukinda comprises of the stretches of NH-42 (Angul - Banarpal), NH 23 (Banarpal to Ballar Chak near Talcher) and NH 200 (Ballarchak to Sukinda *via* Bhuvan). Widening of Angul - Banarpal section is included in the project of 4-laning of Cuttack to Angul. The work is already awarded and the Concessionaire could not start the work due to delay in land acquisition, Forest Clearance and MOEF clearance. The stretch from Banarpal to Ballarchak section of NH 23 is presently 2 lane only and is maintained by State PWD. Bids for 4-laning/2-laning of Ballarchak (near Talcher) to Sukinda as a part of the Project Chandikhole -Dubari -Talcher Section on BOT (Toll) were invited 4 times, but no bid received. Panikoili Rajamunda road comprises of Panikoili -Rimuli and Rimuli- Roxy - Rajamunda sections of NH-215. 4-laning of Panikoili -Rimuli section is already awarded and implementation of the project could not be started due to delay in forest clearance. 4/2 - laning of Rimuli- Roxy - Rajamunda has also been awarded and the Concessionaire has started the work. Delay in commencement of work is due to delay in Forest Clearance.

(b) The four laning of Bhubaneswar to Ichhapur is already completed except approach of 160 mtrs. for RUB on one side near IREL siding at Chhatrapur on Ganjam - Ichhapur stretch of NH-5. The approach work is anticipated to be completed by end of April, 2013. Work of 4-laning of Balasore to Laxmannath section of NH 60 has also been completed. Work of construction of bridges to provide additional waterways in this section is in progress.

(c) No, Sir. Necessary deductions are being made in the contractors' bills and being deposited with the concerned State Authorities.