

of escalation due to delay. In case the project is delayed due to reasons attributable to the contractor, liquidated damages are to be imposed and no escalation is paid.

(d) In order to expedite implementation of the Projects, Regional Offices have been set up by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) headed by Chief General Manager. Powers have been delegated to the Chief General Managers. Special land acquisition units are also set up to expedite land acquisition. Chief Secretaries of State Government have also been nominated as Nodal officers to expedite construction of highway projects. Projects are also closely and periodically reviewed at Headquarter as well as field units. Recently, environmental clearance has been delinked from forest clearance. Further, Reserve Bank of India has given dispensation to treat the loan to the toll projects as secured loan.

Construction of four lane NH in Assam

*435. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to construct the National Highways as four lane roads in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present position of construction; and

(c) whether there is any plan to make dividers to avoid accidents and to have plantation on dividers of each National Highway in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI C.P. JOSHI):

(a) Yes, Sir. NHAI has been entrusted for 4-laning of 670 km. under East West corridor of the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) Phase-II and 178 km. under the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East (SARDP-NE) in Assam.

(b) 4-laning of 472 Km. completed out of 670 km. under East-West Corridor, details are given in Statement-I (*See below*). For 178 km. (Numaligarh-Jorhat-Damoh-Dibrugarh) under SARDP-NE on BOT (Annuity) no bids received on 05.04.2013, details are given in Statement-II (*See below*).

(c) Yes, Sir. Provision for construction of divider has been made for the entire length of the National Highway to be 4-laned to avoid accidents. Provision for plantation on the divider has also be made for a length of 255 km of project stretch under NHDP Phase-II.

Statement-I

Details of 4 laning of 472 km. completed out of 670 km. under East-West Corridor

Sl. No.	Contract Stretch/ Package No.	NH No.	Length (km.)	Contract value (Rs. cr.)	Date of Commerce- ement	Completion date as per contract/ Anticipated date of completion	Length completed (km.)	Fin pr (R
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1.	Bijni-Assam/WB Border (Km. 30.0-0.00)/AS-12	31C	30	218.38	18.10.05	17.04.08 March, 2014	27.520	17
2.	Bijni-Assam/WB Border (Km 60.0-30.00)/AS-11	31C	30	199.41	06.10.05	05.04.2008 March, 2014	23.000	15
3.	Bijni-Assam/WB Border (Km 93.0-60.00)/AS-10	31C	33	248.69	06.10.05	05.04.2008 Nov., 2014	28.050	21
4.	Nalbari-Bijni (Km. 983.00-961.50)/AS-9	31	21.5	131.23	03.11.05	02.05.2008 Dec. 2013	21.500	17

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
5.	Nalbari-Bijni (Km. 1013.00-983.00)/AS-8	31	30	187.08	03.11.05	02.05.2008 Sept., 2013	28.730	22
6.	Nalbari-Bijni (Km. 1040.30-1013.00)/AS-7	31	27.3	207.165	Oct-05	April, 2008 May, 2014	20.500	25
7.	Nalbari-Bijni (Km. 1065.00-1040.30)/AS-6	31	24.7	182.48	Nov-05	June, 2008 Sept., 2013	23.800	29
8.	Guwahati-Nalbari (Km. 1093-1065)/AS-5	31	28	192.87	Oct-05	April, 2008 March, 2014	20.000	24
9.	Guwahati-Nalbari (Km. 1121-1093)/AS-4	31	28	173.63	Dec-05	April, 2008 March, 2014	15.050	14
10.	Bridge over Brahmaputra river (Km. 1121-1126)/AS-28	31	4.08	238.4	Oct-06	April, 2008 Nov., 2014	0.300	21
11.	Sonapur-Guwahati (Km 183.00-163.90)/AS-03	37	19.1	166.72	Sep-05	June, 2008 June, 2013	17.850	18
12.	Dharamtul-Sonapur (Km. 205.00-183.00)/AS-20	37	22	137.75	Nov-05	Nov., 2008 Dec., 2013	20.400	18

13.	Jagiroad-Dharamtul (Km. 230.50-205.00)/AS-19	37	25.5	173.14	25-Dec-05	30.06.2008 July, 2013	23.600	24
14.	Dharamtul-Raha (Km 230.50-255.00)/AS-02	37	24.5	273.8	26-Dec-05	30.06.2008 July, 2013	23.500	29
15.	Raha -Nagaon (Km. 255.00- 262.725) and Km. 15.943 of Nagaon Bypass/AS-18	37	23.663	238.72	16-Dec-05	15.05.2008 Completed	23.663	34
16.	Nagaon-Daboka (Km 5.5- 35.862)/AS-17	36	30.362	202.18	26-Dec-05	30.06.2008 Completed 01.08.2012	30.362	28
17.	Daboka-Lumding i/c 4.14 Km. Daboka Bypass (Km. 0.00-22.00)/AS-16	54	24.032	198.65	26-Dec-05	30.06.2008 Completed April, 2011	24.032	23
18.	Lanka-Lumding I/c Lanka Bypass (Km 40.0- 22.00)/AS-15	54	18	143.97	14.03.08	13.09.2010 Completed 28.12.2012	18.000	18
19.	Maibang-Lumding (Km. 60.5-40)/AS-27	54	20.5	198.68	15.10.06	14.04.2009 Dec., 2014	5.000	14

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
20.	Maibang-Lumding (Km. 83.40-60.50)/AS-26	54	22.9	255.00	24.07.2011	Jan., 2014 Dec., 2014	0.000	8
21.	Maibang-Lumding (Km. 111-83.40)/AS-25	54	27.6	372.63	March, 11	31.07.13 Dec., 2014	4.000	8
22.	Maibang-Lumding (Km. 127-111)/AS-24	54	16	225.33	March, 11	13.07.13 Dec., 2014	9.000	11
23.	Narimbanglo-Maibang (Km. 140.70-127)/AS-23	54	15.57	317.11	05.08.06	04.02.2009 March, 2014	13.770	27
24.	Jatinga-Narimbanglo (Km. 165.4-140.7)/AS-22	54	23.38	318	Oct, 11	March, 2014 Dec., 2014	5.000	9
25.	Harangajo-Jatinga (Km. 190.587-165.4)/AS-21	54	25.19	333.00	Oct, 11	March, 2014 Dec., 2014	4.000	4
26.	Silchar-Balachera (Km. 275.0-306.54)/AS-01	54	25.875	115.86	17.09.04	16.09.2007 Dec., 2013	23.500	18

Statement-II*Construction of Four Lane NH in Assam*

Stretch	NH	Length (km)	TPC (Rs. Cr.)	Present Status
Assam				
Jorhat-Damoh	37	81	874.69	No bids received On BOT (Annuity) on 05.04.2013.
Damoh-Dibrugarh	37	46	473.45	No bids received On BOT (Annuity) on 05.04.2013.
Numaligarh-Jorhat	37	51	584.68	No bids received On BOT (Annuity) on 05.04.2013.
TOTAL:		178	1932.82	

Security measures for tourists

†*436. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several hilly tourist places where many travellers die unnaturally due to accidents such as falling of vehicles into ditches every day due to lack of small security wall; and

(b) whether Government would give importance to the construction of security walls on priority basis for the security of tourists and begin the work immediately thereon and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of various tourism destinations and products and providing road connectivity to them are primarily the responsibilities of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.