

traffic and future projections, four-lane section of NH-58 and NH-72 from Meerut to Dehradun will meet the requirements.

Construction of Delhi-Jaipur expressway

†1510. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government proposes to construct Delhi-Jaipur Expressway, if so, by when its construction would be started and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Central Government has allocated substantial amount to the Government of Rajasthan for the repair and maintenance of highways, if not, by when the substantial allocation would be made and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Construction of Delhi-Jaipur Expressway is envisaged under NHDP Phase VI. The project alignment and its feasibility are under study. It is not possible at this stage to specify the date of start of construction.

(b) Funds allocated for the repair and maintenance of highway during the current year of 2013-14 for the State of Rajasthan is Rs. 117.97 crore.

Upgradation of various road networks

1511. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has earmarked Rs. 36000 crores to upgrade various road networks in the country in the recent fiscal;

(b) whether it is proposed to construct 15 Kms of highway every day as set by the Centre;

(c) if so, what is its feed-back in various regions of the country of constructing 15 Kms road per day; and

(d) the progress of this project in Tamil Nadu and how far has it improved road network in the State and other underdeveloped backward regions of the country?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) The total plan outlay for the current fiscal year 2013-14 is Rs.23,500 crore for the Central Sector Roads. Apart from this the target for Internal Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) is Rs. 14,000 crore during 2013-14.

(b) to (d) The target for construction of highways during 2013-14 is 6,329 km, which translates to construction of NH of about 17 km/day. State-wise target for construction of NHs are not fixed.

During the 1st quarter of current financial year 2013-14 1,183 km of NHs have been constructed, i.e., the rate of construction is about 13 km/day.

Upgradation of roads in tribal areas

1512. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to construct/upgrade roads in the tribal dominated areas of Jharkhand which are still to be connected by roads if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has requested the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to give them fund directly for the development of roads in tribal dominated areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development of National Highways and no proposal has been received in the ministry to construct/upgrade roads for providing connectivity in the tribal dominated areas of Jharkhand.

(b) to (c) No such request has been received from Ministry of Tribal Affairs. However, a provision of Rs 800 crores has been made in the Demand for Grants 2013-14 of this Ministry for Tribal Sub Plan (TSP).

Rates of toll tax on NHs

†1513. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of toll tax on National Highways have

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