

- (b) the steps being taken to address the issue of potholes; and
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure that high quality raw materials are used for highway construction, which are not washed away by the rains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process and all the NHs are kept in traffic worthy condition from time to time within the available resources.

- (c) All the raw materials used for construction of NHs are prone to damages due to rains. However, the type of raw materials and their specifications are considered while designing so as to ensure minimum damages to the NHs due to rains.

#### **Construction of underpass at Kharki Daula Chowk**

2114. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3358 given in Rajya Sabha on 25 April, 2013 and state:

- (a) whether the Management Board constituted by Government to implement the Pilot Project for vertical expansion of National Highways and construction of grade separator at Hero Honda Chowk on NH-8 has since formulated plans to start construction; and

- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) The Management Board has already awarded the Consultancy Services for conducting a techno-financial study for determining the technical feasibility and financial viability for a pilot project for vertical expansion of National Highways (NHs) in terms of elevated roads with provision of commercial/real estate development from Delhi/Uttar Pradesh Border (km. 0/0) to Dasna (km. 31/0) (upto Eastern Peripheral Expressway) in Uttar Pradesh on NH-24, and construction of grade separator at Hero Honda Chowk on Delhi-Gurgaon section NH-8 in Haryana.

#### **Award of NHAI projects**

2115. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India has awarded only 787 km. projects as against a target of 8,500 km. in 2012-13, if so, the details thereof; and