

Target set for four laning of Mumbai-Goa highway

3993. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether targets set for construction, widening and development of highways could not be achieved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not achieving the targets;
- (d) whether any target has been set for four laning of Mumbai-Goa Highway;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken to complete four laning of this highway within the stipulated date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) The targeted and completed length under various schemes including Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North Eastern region (SARDP-NE) and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas for the year 2012-13 are as under:—

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| Target | : | 6092 km. |
| Achievement | : | 5726 km. (provisional) |

The progress of construction of National Highways (NHs) has been slow due to several problems such as land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environmental and forest clearance, approval for rail over bridges as well as shortage of skilled/semi-skilled manpower and economic slowdown.

(d) to (f) No, Sir. However, for development of Mumbai – Goa highway project, it has been decided to set up Project Implementation Unit (PIU).

Speed up road construction work

3994. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the road construction under National Highways Development Programme specially East-West Corridor and N.H. 31D has been speeded up;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) if not, how it could be speeded up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The entire length of East West Corridor has been completed, except 201 km. under implementation and 239 km yet to be awarded. As regards the work of N.H. 31D, Request for Proposal (RFP) for the stretch from km. 0 to 155 has been invited.

- (c) Does not arise.

Maintenance work under NHDP in Tamil Nadu

3995. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of national highways located in Tamil Nadu which have been taken up for maintenance work under the National Highways Development Programme over the past two years;
 (b) the work that has been completed, project-wise; and
 (c) the funds allocated for this purpose, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) Sections of six National Highways under National Highways Development Programme aggregating to a length of 735.9 km. in Tamil Nadu have been taken up for maintenance during last two years by incurring an expenditure of Rs. 51.53 crore. Details are given in the Statement.

Statement

The details of the sections of six National Highways under NHDP taken up for maintenance

| Sl. No. | NH No. | Section | Length (Km) | Expenditure incurred towards maintenance (Rs. in lakhs) | | |
|---------|--------|--------------------------------|-------------|---|---------|--------|
| | | | | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1. | 67 | Nagapattinam-Thanjavur section | 80.000 | 169.08 | 276.67 | 445.75 |