

Four laning of Kota-Dara-Jhalawad Road

‡2721. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a proposal regarding four laning of Kota-Dara-Jhalawad road in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, whether work has been started in compliance with that; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir, National Highways Authority of India has taken up up-gradation of Kota-Darrah section of NH-12 to four lane and Darrah to Teendhar (Jhalawar) as two lane with Paved shoulder configuration under NHDP Phase-III. The Concession Agreement has been signed on 22.07.2011 on BOT (Toll) with 25 years concession period.

(b) No, Sir, the work has not been started.

(c) The project envisages a new alignment from Darrah to Teendhar (Jhalawar) to avoid Darrah Wild Life Sanctuary (between Km 291.0 to Km 298.0 of existing NH-12). The new alignment of part section has been proposed avoiding the Sanctuary. However, Forest Clearance of the project has not been recommended by State Govt., who are insisting to finalize the alignment passing through Wild Life. The matter has been taken up with MOEF for decision.

Reasons for road accidents and consequent deaths

‡2722. SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of road accidents and consequent deaths is increasing constantly in metro cities;
- (b) if so, the details of the road accidents and the consequent deaths occurred in metro cities during the years 2010-11, 2011-12 and from 2012 to January, 2013;

‡ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.