

**Excess fuel consumption due to traffic jams etc.**

†2745. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any action plan to address the problem of undue expenditure of huge foreign currency on imported crude oil due to traffic jams, accidents and excessive fuel consumption caused by simultaneous operation of all types of high, medium and slow speed vehicles like trucks, buses, cars, scooters, three-wheelers, tractor trolley, jugaad on National Highways, highways etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would constitute an expert committee in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) This Ministry is mainly responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NH). Development of National Highways is a continuous process and works are taken up depending upon the inter-se-priority and availability of funds. The improvement works taken up relate to capacity augmentation, strengthening, construction of ROBs/ RUBs, bypasses, bridges, service road for segregation of traffic etc. During the current year construction in 4592 km of NHs excluding special programmes of development of roads including NHs in North Eastern region and area affected by the Left Wing Extremism have been targeted.

(c) Does not arise.

**Six laning of Ahmedabad-Bamanbore section**

2746. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in meeting held on 31 December, 2009 at the Ministry, it was decided that six laning of Ahmedabad-Bamanbore section should be taken up by State Government;

(b) if so, whether State Government has submitted any proposal;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.