

**Policy for maintenance of under construction four/six lane roads**

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

(a) whether Government has any clear cut policy for maintenance of under construction four/six lane roads being made by NHAI, if so, the details of the said policy; and

(b) the reasons why NHAI is not maintaining the Jaipur-Delhi National Highway No. 8 as per the prescribed norms during the construction period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Responsibility of maintenance for stretches where the work of four/six-laning of National Highways (NHs) are under implementation, rests with the contractor/concessionaire as part of their obligation under contract/concession agreement.

(b) Maintenance work including maintenance on Jaipur-Delhi section of NH-8 is a continuous activity and the Concessionaire has been notified for maintenance of the highway damaged recently.

**Heavy traffic jam at Narmada bridge**

874. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHAODABHAI RUPALA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) as on date to solve the problem of heavy traffic jam that takes place every day at Narmada Bridge between Surat-Vadodara section of NH-8 due to bad condition of Narmada Bridge resulting in unnecessary fuel losses and vehicle pollution;

(b) by when NHAI is going to construct a new bridge at this place, the specific time limit thereof; and

(c) whether Central Government has received any communication from the State Government of Gujarat in this regard, if so, what action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Existing Sardar Bridge over River Narmada, which is presently opened for light vehicles only, has been taken up for repair and rehabilitation and is scheduled for completion in December,

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