

(c) if so, the issues pointed out in the report in this regard; and

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to give priority to the interest of the common people, 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) to (c) The Government or the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has not entrusted any study of toll plaza on Delhi-Gurgaon Highway to the Indian Railway Institute of Transport Management (IRITM), Lucknow. The institute provides training to Indian Railways - Officers and as a part of special course on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in Infrastructure sector (May, 6 to 10, 2013), eight participants have submitted their project reports, out of which one project report was titled as "Delhi-Gurgaon Toll Road" by one of the participants of the special course. The project report is merely a study material and the institute has never submitted the report to the Government for any follow up action. However, there is no such mention of any negative impact on the health of road-users and people living in nearby areas of the Delhi-Gurgaon Highway in the report. The report is available at the website of the institute at http://www.iritm.indianrailways.gov.in/uploads/files/1373362818917-Project_Report_7.pdf.

(d) NHAI had issued a Show Cause Notice for Termination to the Concessionaire on 08.03.2013 for not complying with its due obligations. The Concessionaire had filed a case in the Hon'ble Delhi High Court against the show cause notice issued by NHAI. The matter is presently *sub judice*.

Comprehensive syllabus on road safety

883. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing a comprehensive syllabus on the subject of road safety, which would be made mandatory in the curriculum of all schools, colleges all over the country; and

(b) in order to ensure early care of the accident victims, whether Government is thinking to set up Ambulances in strategic places and also cranes for immediate clearance of the roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND

HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) The Ministry has been pursuing vigorously for inclusion of a chapter on road safety in the text books of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) syllabus in Class VI to Class XII so as to spread awareness of Road Safety issues in the general public. CBSE has prepared a draft curriculum on Road safety issues. The Ministry has also sent the draft curriculum to National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT), as it is the Academic Authority for finalizing curriculum. NCERT shall bring the suggestions of MoRTH to the attention of concerned Committees and also National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) at the time of revising the current text books.

State Governments have also been advised to include Road Safety education in the curriculum of the schools administered by the State Education Board.

(b) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under the scheme "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS)" provides 10-ton cranes and small medium cranes for hilly areas and ambulances to States/UTs for relief and rescue measures in the aftermath of accidents by way of evacuating road accident victim to nearest medical aid centre and for clearing the accident site. Their deployment is done by the respective State Governments/UTs on National Highways on accident prone stretches, having an average distance of 50 Kms. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) also provides ambulances at an average of 50km stretch of National Highways entrusted to them and cranes are deployed on Toll Plazas.

In addition, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has provided 134 advanced life support ambulances to 134 identified hospitals upgraded under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's Scheme 'establishment of an integrated network of Trauma Centers' along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East-West Corridors of the National Highways. Six Advance Life Support Ambulances have been deployed under the pilot project for cashless treatment of road accident victims on the Gurgaon-Jaipur stretch of NH No.8.

Default notice to road developers

884. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: 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 (NHAI) has sought Government's approval to stop tolling on stretches where construction work has fallen way behind schedule;