

Trilateral Highway through India, Myanmar and Thailand

1695. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on construction of Highways through India, Myanmar and Thailand for mutual benefit of the countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Foreign Ministers of India, Myanmar and Thailand met in April, 2002 at Yangoon (Myanmar) and agreed, *inter-alia*, for construction of a highway from Moreh in India to Mae Sot in Thailand through Bagain in Myanmar linking India, Myanmar and Thailand. In October, 2008 the Government of Myanmar requested India for implementation of Chaungma-Lingadaw section of the route. Subsequently, in February, 2012 the Government of Myanmar proposed an alternate alignment of the highway and requested to undertake construction/upgradation of the road between Kalewa and Yagyi instead of the earlier envisioned Chaungma-Lingadaw route.

India agreed to undertake upgradation of the Kalewa — Yagyi section of Trilateral highway and construction of 71 bridges in the Tamu-Kalewa section. Presently, projects are at feasibility report stage.

4 lane NHs, in Maharashtra

1696. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of four lane National Highways constructed in Maharashtra during the last five years;

(b) the length of National Highways not converted as four lane so far; and

(c) the period by when the National Highways are proposed to be converted into four lane highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) to (c) The length of four lane National Highway (NH) constructed in Maharashtra during last 5 years is 1179 km. Development of NH including capacity augmentation is a continuous process