

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

and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon traffic intensity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Pathetic condition of NH-87

1697. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the pathetic condition of National Highway-87 between Rampur-Bilaspur running upto Rudrapur for the last several years and its deteriorating condition every day;

(b) if so, the reasons for failure of concerned authorities in proper maintenance of this important and only highway connecting Uttarakhand with rest of the country; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to ensure proper maintenance of NH of 87 without any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) to (c) The estimates for maintenance of this section of National Highway No. 87 have already been sanctioned by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) against which about 60% of length has already been repaired.

Poor condition of NH between Ghaziabad and Kanpur

1698. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of National Highway between Ghaziabad and Kanpur is poor and frequent traffic jams are the order of the day; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken to properly maintain this National Highway and to speedily develop it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) and (b) The upgradation work on National Highway No. 91 between Ghaziabad to Kanpur is divided in two sections *i.e.* Ghaziabad-Aligarh and Aligarh-Kanpur. Ghaziabad-Aligarh section is being four laned on BOT (Toll) basis with provisions of bypasses/ROB/Flyovers to decongest and ease the traffic flow on the National Highway. About 70% upgradation work has already been completed. The existing stretch is being maintained by the Concessionaire.