

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has celebrated 150th birth anniversary all over India of Shri Swami Vivekanandji; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider the demand of the people to name any National Highway as Swami Vivekanand Highway or road, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs).

As per the policy of this Ministry no stretch of NHs or a bridge thereon is to be named after any political leader or other important person of that area.

Construction of Trans-Arunachal Highways

2426. SHRI MUKUT MITHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of the Trans-Arunachal Highways is running behind schedule and if so, by how many years;

(b) the reasons of the delay, including not getting clearances, if any; and

(c) the salient features of the project including length, agencies that are handling it, total cost, and funds allocated so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) The construction of Trans Arunachal Highway is targeted for completion by March, 2017.

(c) The length of Trans Arunachal Highway is 1644 km joining Tawang in western side to approaches to Bogibeel bridge in eastern side passing through Bomdila, Nechipu, Seppa, Ziro, Daporizo, Aalong, Pangin, Pasighat, Roing, Mahadevpur, Changlang, Khonsa, Kanubari and Bimlapur. The length of 1412 km of Trans Arunachal Highway is part of Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads and Highways under SARDP-NE programme approved by Government amounting to Rs. 8125 crore. The balance 232 km stretch from Tawang to Nechipu is with Border Road Organisations (BRO) for development under China Study Group (CSG) programme. BRO, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, PWD Arunachal Pradesh and PWD Assam are the agencies involved for the development of Trans Arunachal Highway. There is no separate allocation of funds for development of Trans Arunachal Highway under SARDP-NE.