

NH declaration of Hyderabad-Luxettipet stretch

2879. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has received Hyderabad-Medak-Bodan-Basar-Luxettipet State Highway/road/stretch from State Government of Andhra Pradesh to be declared as new National Highway;

(b) whether it has been declared as National Highway, if so, when it was declared as NH;

(c) the progress of work made on the above stretch; and

(d) by when it is going to be completed and what is the initial projected cost and final estimated cost?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Declaration of Moradabad-Ramnagar Stretch as National Highway

† 2880. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has received a request for declaring Moradabad-Ramnagar-Dhangarhi-Mohaun-Bhatronj Khan-Chaukhtia-Karanprayag motor way as a National Highway;

(b) if not, whether the Ministry is ready to consider after receiving the request from State Government keeping in view its national importance, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the said motor way will be declared as national highway?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) The Ministry has received a request for declaration of the road stretch from Moradabad-Ramnagar upto Dhargarhi Gate of the Corbett National Park as National Highway.

(b) and (c) Expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

RFID based electronic toll system

2881. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce RFID-based electronic toll system in the entire country keeping in view the increasing traffic on toll plazas; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted a study for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these electronic toll plazas are likely to be installed across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Government of India in response to public demand has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India to recommend the adoption of Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) system across India's National Highways Network for ensure seamless movement of vehicles on the National Highways. The committee has recommended RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) based EPC, Gen-2 ISO 18000-6C Standard for Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) Systems. For implementing ETC system on pan India basis, a new Company, "Indian Highways Management Company Limited (HIMCL)" has been incorporated on 26.12.2012. First interoperable ETC system has already been inaugurated on 12.04.2013 on Vadodra-Mumbai section of NH-8. The company envisages implementing the ETC System in a phased manner. Government plans to implement Electronic Toll Collection system in the country by 2014.