

(b) if so, the details and the remedial measures being taken by Government to reduce the waiting time at toll plazas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Ministry is dealing on regular basis with such issues. Government has already taken steps for implementing Electronic Toll Collection System in toll plazas by 2014 by using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology.

Increasing number of vehicles

2901. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of vehicles has been growing at an average pace of around ten percent per annum; and

(b) if so, whether there are sufficient roads to accommodate this growth in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. As per information available with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the road network in the country has also recorded growth of around 42 % during the last decade (2002-2012) from 34,26,600 km in the year 2002 to 48,65,394 km in 2012.

National Highways in Himalayan Region

†2902. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of National Highways situated in hilly States of the Himalayan region;

(b) the details of the funds provided for maintenance of these National Highways during the last three years;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that some National Highways in hilly States are not in a condition fit for running vehicles; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi