

(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

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(d) if so, the details of the measures taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) Following National Highways pass through Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttrakhand in the Himalayan region:

- (i) Himachal Pradesh-NH No.(old) 1A, 20,20A, 21, 21 A, 22, 70, 72,72B 73A, 88 and 305.
- (ii) Jammu and Kashmir-NHNo.(old) 1A, IB, 1C, ID, 301, 701 and 501
- (iii) Uttrakhand-NH No. (old) 58, 72, 72(A), 72B, 73, 74, 87, 87 (Extn.), 94, 119, 108, 109, 121, 123 and 125

(b) Allocation of funds for maintenance and repairs of these National Highways are made on State basis. The details of funds allocated State-wise for maintenance and repairs of National Highways during last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

State	2010-2011	2011-12	2012-13
Himachal Pradesh	23.49	39.05	66.50
Jammu and Kashmir	42.10	23.74	41.82
Uttarakhand	92.50	82.12	82.95

Further, National Highways under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) entrusted to National Authority of India (NHAI) are developed and maintained through concessionaire/agencies engaged under BOT (Toll/Annuity) mode and Operate, Maintain and Transfer (OMT) scheme for the entire concession period.

(c) and (d) Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and the same are undertaken to maintain the National Highways in trafficable condition under Annual Plans and Periodical Renewal/Improvement to riding quality programme depending upon inter se priority of the works and subject to availability of funds.