

Corruption in National Highway projects

87. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is suffering loss of around 30,000 crore annually due to corruption in National Highway projects including those funded by World Bank and other agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise during the last five years; and
- (c) the details of steps Government has taken/would be taking against the guilty so far, case-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) After proper investigation, Government takes necessary steps against the guilty by imposing penalty and blacklisting of the firm/company.

National Highways in Rajasthan

88. SHRI RAMNARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of the National Highways in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether Government is making an effort for expansion of National Highways;
- (c) the details of the amount allocated to Rajasthan for the maintenance of these roads during the last five financial years; and
- (d) whether all these National Highways are according to the standards prescribed by CPWD and if not, the number of complaints received in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) The total length of National Highways (NHs) in the State of Rajasthan is 7,806 km.

- (b) Expansion of NH network is a continuous process and declaration of new NH is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.
- (c) During the last five financial years ₹ 548.90 crore was allocated to the State of Rajasthan for maintenance of NHs.
- (d) NHs are constructed as per the specification of Indian Roads Congress (IRC). No complaint has been received in this regard.