

Declaration of Proddatur-Jammalamadugu-Gooty State Highway as NH

98. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has received a proposal from Andhra Pradesh Government to declare Proddatur-Jammalamadugu-Gooty State Highway/road/stretch as new National highway (NH);
- (b) whether it has been declared as NH;
- (c) if so, when it was so declared;
- (d) the progress of work made on the above stretch; and
- (e) by when the work 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 KRISHAN PAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) On 22nd March, 2013.

(d) and (e) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and developmental works are taken up in stretches from time to time based on *inter-se-priority* and availability of resources. Works amounting to about ₹ 180 crores for improvement of about 170 kms length have already sanctioned for improvement of NH 67 in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Capacity augmentation of NHs to match traffic growth

99. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to industrialization, traffic growth is taking place at the rate of 8-10 per cent per annum;
- (b) if so, whether Government has been able to augment the capacity of National Highways (NHs) to match the volume of traffic growth; and
- (c) if Government is augmenting the capacity to match traffic growth, the details of capacity augmentation made during the last five years?

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

(b) To cater to the need of increased traffic the Government has taken up capacity augmentation programme of National Highways (NHs) under National Highway Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North-Eastern region (SARDP-NE), Special road development programme for the areas affected with Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and National Highway Interconnectivity Improvement Programme (NHIIP). Besides these programmes, development works on NHs including widening of NHs are also taken up under National Highway (Original) {NH(O)} under Annual Plan.

(c) During the last five years about 16,106 km of NHs has been widened to 2/4/6-lane. Apart from this 436 major/minor bridges have been constructed / rehabilitated and 21 bypasses have also been constructed.

Allocation of funds to Tamil Nadu

100. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to various rural development projects in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise and project wise;

(b) the details of fully and partially funded Central Assistance Development Schemes implemented in the State during that period;

(c) whether Government has allocated adequate funds for the above mentioned Schemes in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) The funds released to various rural development projects in Tamil Nadu during the last three years under various development programmes of Ministry of Rural Development are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The details of fully and partially funded Central Assistance Development Schemes implemented in Tamil Nadu during the last three years under various development programmes of Ministry of Rural Development are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The requirement has been assessed as per programme guidelines and funds are provided accordingly.