

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. About 34 projects of Ministry being implemented by National Highway Authority of India and State PWDs have been terminated/foreclosed/LOA withdrawn as on date, partly due to delay in fulfillment of Governments condition precedent and partly due to the unsatisfactory performance of the Concessionaires/Contractors, shortage of equity and debt obligation to Banks etc.

(c) The progress of the projects has been reviewed to sort out the issues related to slow progress and inadequate funds and steps are taken for exit for equity investors, premium rescheduling, securitization of road sector loans, mutual termination /cancellation of awarded road projects and re-bidding, close coordination with other ministries and revamping of dispute resolution mechanism etc.

Condition of roads under National Highway Development Project

†602.SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the roads constructed under the National Highway Development Project (NHDP) deteriorate even before their life span;

(b) if so, whether action is being taken against the culprits by identifying such roads;

(c) whether it is also a fact that complaints regarding quality of roads constructed under NHDP are being received by Government; and

(d) if so, the number of complaints received during the last two years and the details of the action taken in these cases, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) The deficiencies observed are rectified by the Contractor/ Concessionaire as per contract provisions to check deterioration and keep road in traffic worthy condition. Quality of construction of National Highways is monitored and supervised by the Supervision consultant / Independent Engineer engaged by NHAI. The Consultant's teams are having number of expert engineers to look after

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the quality of work. Routine monitoring is done by concerned Project Director (PD)/ Regional Officers (RO). Quality auditors are also engaged to inspect the quality of construction packages on random basis. Apart from this, Quality Assurance Division of NHAI at head quarter also does random quality inspection for the selected projects from time to time.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Quality Assurance Division of NHAI had received two complaints from (i) Shri Jitin Prasada, the then Minister of State for the works in 3 towns namely Jangbadurganj, Maigalganj and Maholi on NH-24 in the State of Uttar Pradesh under PIU-Bareilly in year 2012 and (ii) Shri Sushil Kumar Singh, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), in May 2013, for the work of 6-Laning of Varanasi-Aurangabad project in the state of Bihar under PIU-Varanasi in 2013. Investigations were carried out and recommendations were made for the recovery as well as rectification/replacement of the various components of the works which were not up to the mark. For some items, further detailed testing was also recommended.

Extension of Ahmedabad - Vadodara Expressway Up to Mumbai

603. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan for extension of Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway up to Mumbai; and

(b) if so, what measures are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Construction of Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway is envisaged a length of 473 km under NHDP Phase-VI. The projects has been divided into three phases as under:

Phase I: Vadodara to junction of NH-8 (Talasari) in a length of 274 km passing mainly through the State of Gujarat and also passing partially through the State of Maharashtra and Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Phase II: Junction of NH-8 (Talasari) to Shirsad with a connectivity to Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust (total length 163 km) passing through the State of Maharashtra.

Phase III: Shirsad to Mumbai in a length of 26 km passing through the State of Maharashtra.