

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) In order to sort out the problems relating to forest clearances, wild life clearances Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, Minister of Defense, Minister of Railways, Minister of Civil Aviation and Minister of Environment and Forest along with Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary to PM and Secretaries of Infrastructure Ministries namely, M/o Civil Aviation, M/o Shipping, M/o Road Transport and Highways, M/o Environment and Forest and M/o Railways are taking frequent review meetings.

Construction of highways

1308. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of highways constructed during the last three years;
- (b) the details of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) share therein;
- (c) whether NHAI has withdraw from the construction of highways in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) Length of National Highways constructed during the last three years including the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) share is as below:

| Sl. No. | Year | Length constructed in km | Share of BOT in km |
|---------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | 2011-12 | 3378 | 1905 |
| 2. | 2012-13 | 4423 | 2569 |
| 3. | 2013-14 | 3373 | 1751 |

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, there have been issues regarding resettlement pertaining to the State of Kerala and as a consequence some projects had to be terminated.

Deaths in road accidents

1309. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, as per the survey conducted by the International Road Federation,

around 1,19,860 people die in road accidents in the country every year, the highest figure in the world, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the number of road deaths is rising every year;

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to devise certain action plan to contain this high rate of incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) Based on the latest issue of the “World Road Statistics” (WRS) 2012, published by the International Road Federation, Geneva the highest number of fatalities in road accidents in the world for year 2010 was reported to be in India (1,33,938). However, as per the data of “Road Accidents in India 2012” published by Transport Research Wing of the Ministry, the total number of road accidents in the country have decreased from 4,97,686 in 2011 to 4,90,383 in 2012. The total number of persons killed in road accidents has also declined from 1,42,485 in 2011 to 1,38,258 in 2012.

(c) and (d) National Road Safety Policy which has been approved by the Government in March 2010. Based on the approved National Road Safety Policy, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has adopted a multi pronged strategy to improve road safety. The Ministry also formed five separate working groups on four E’s of Road Safety viz. (i) Education (ii) Enforcement (iii) Engineering (roads as well as vehicles) and (iv) emergency care. The working groups submitted its report which has been circulated to the states for implementation.

Toll gates on National Highways in Tamil Nadu

1310. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be please to state:

(a) the locations of Toll gates on National Highways in Tamil Nadu and the revenue generated by leasing out of each of these gates in the State during last five year, year-wise and, Toll gate-wise;

(b) whether NHAI or State Governments or Toll Collectors are responsible for the proper maintenance and repair of National Highways; and