

Under construction National Highways in Rajasthan

†1311. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the under construction National Highways (NHs), in kilometers, in Rajasthan during 2013-14 and the length of the NHs, in kilometers, on which work has been completed; and

(b) whether the remaining work would be completed within the prescribed time-frame and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) During 2013-14, 2970 km length of National Highways (NHs) was under construction and 550 km length of the NHs has been completed. All out efforts would be made to complete the remaining length within stipulated time-frame depending upon resources and statutory clearance.

White paper on construction of roads

†1312. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has released a white paper holding the previous United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Government responsible for the failure to construct the roads under National Highways Development Project (NHDP);

(b) if so, whether a detailed inquiry is being conducted in this regard;

(c) whether many suggestions have been given in the white paper for improvement of road construction projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government is contemplating to implement these suggestions at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had submitted a white paper on National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) covering basic objectives of NHAI, major impediments during the last 5 years, corrective action taken in the last three years, and further corrective action required. Question of fixation of any responsibility does not arise at this stage.

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