

**Construction of highways**

2076. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether construction of National Highway (NH) projects was slow during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the amount spent on these projects during the above period *vis-a-vis* total kilometres added to NHs, including Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the details of delays caused in execution of these projects and the cost overruns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) to (c) The pace of construction of National Highways in the country has been consistent. However, the same was reduced during last year. Length of National Highways constructed during the last three years and expenditure incurred thereon including the state of Tamil Nadu is as below:

Sl. No.	Year	Length constructed in km.	Amount spent in ₹ crore
1.	2011-12	3378	26498.34
2.	2012-13	4423	16318.67
3.	2013-14	3373	24142.61

(d) The National Highways projects in various States are affected due to land acquisition, utility shifting, environment/forest/wild life clearances, issues pertaining to ROB's/RUBs with Ministry of Railways, slow progress by the contractor/ concessionaire, inability of developers to generate equity funds, non availability of soil/aggregates, public agitation for additional facilities, arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors etc. The cost overrun is applicable only in item rate contracts. In such contracts, there is a provision of payment of escalation due to delays. In case the project is delayed due to reasons attributable to the contractor, liquidity damages are to be imposed and no escalation is paid. Actual escalation due to delay or cost over-run will be known only after completion of the project and final settlement of bills.

**National Highway Projects in Gujarat**

2077. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many National Highway projects are going on in Gujarat;

(b) if so, how many projects have been completed in the current year and the amount sanctioned for each project; and

(c) if any project has been delayed the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In this year, six projects having a sanctioned cost of Rs. 44.84 crore on various National Highways has been completed in the Gujarat. The detail is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Eight projects have been delayed due to delay in acquisition of land, shifting of utilities and other statutory clearances etc.

***Statement***

*The details of various projects on National Highways completed in Gujarat*

Sl. No.	Name of work	Sanction amounts (in lakh)
1.	Restoration work for Strengthening/Raising betn. Km. 150/0 to 161/0 & 167/150 to 180/760 & 192/0 to 209/0 on N.H.8E	2410.60
2.	Repairing and restoration for approaches of ROB (L.C. -29B) between km 10/800 to 12/00 on sarkhej-Juhapura-vishala-Narol link road on NH-8A (47) Ahmedabad-Bhayala-Bagodara Road in the State of Gujarat.	148.67
3.	Reconstruction of Bridge across River Titodi in luei of old bridge at km 232/2 to 232/4 of NH 113 Dahod Jhalod Banswada road	357.33
4.	Improvement of road for removal of black spot at km. 177/2-6 of NH-228(New NH-64) in the state of Gujarat	494.72
5.	Strengthening in K.M.609/000 to 617/800 (Vyara-Gadat-Bedchit) of N.H.56 in the state of Gujarat.	921.94
6.	Construction of R.C.C Box Culvert in KM 280/400 to 280/600 & 280/800 to 281/00 of NH228 in The State of Gujarat	151.36
TOTAL		4484.62