

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (d) The construction of 15 km long Ponnani-Kuttippuram 2-lane By-pass stretch of NH-17 including Ponnani-Cochin (PC) canal bridge within the 30 m Right of Way (RoW) has been taken up by the State PWD (not by NHAI). The construction work of the By-pass is likely to be completed by December, 2016.

24x7 power supply

891. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide 24x7 power to every household in the country in a time bound plan;
- (b) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the progress made so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Electricity is a Concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity to various consumers in a State/UT is within the purview of the respective State Government/State Power Utility. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments in providing 24x7 electricity supply to all consumers by establishing power plants and transmission systems in Central Sector through Central Power Sector Undertakings (CPSUs).

Government of India has now taken initiative to prepare Action Plans for all the States/UTs for providing 24x7 Power For All (PFA) in partnership with the States/UTs. To begin with, State specific documents for the State of Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan have been prepared and action for preparation of State specific documents in respect of other States/UTs has been initiated.

Measures to revive road sector

892. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that delay in decision making by authorities, flaws in developer agreements and absence of clear blueprint for highways have scuttled road sector's growth and PPP projects;
- (b) what efforts are being made to bring the sector on track;
- (c) which are the factors responsible for causing problems in PPP projects; and