

Road connectivity to ports

1657. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether development of road connectivity to all major ports in the country has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) Out of nine projects for development of Road Connectivity to the major ports, seven projects have been completed. As regards of balance two, work in Mormugao Port was foreclosed on the directive of Hon'ble Supreme Court and work in Chennai Ennore Port road is in progress.

Maintenance of National Highways

1658. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Highways comprise only 1.7 per cent of the total length of roads but carry over 40 per cent of the total traffic and if so, the details of measures taken to maintain their quality;
- (b) whether allocation of funds for maintenance and repair of National Highways is highly inadequate considering the damages etc. in the existing highways and new National Highways added every year;
- (c) the steps taken to enhance allocation of funds for proper maintenance and upkeep of National Highways; and
- (d) whether the National Highway from Faridabad to Mathura is in dilapidated condition and if so, the steps taken to maintain the said highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (d) National Highways are arteries of road network and carry maximum traffic. Out of 48.65 lakh kilometers of total road network in India, the total length of National Highways (NHs) is 96,128 km. The development and maintenance of NHs including maintaining their quality is a continuous