

Construction of Tyuni-Pancheshwar Himalayan Highway

†1663. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received a proposal from Uttarakhand Government for approval of Tyuni-Pancheshwar Himalayan Highway connecting Garhwal to Kumaon during 2002 to 2010;

(b) if so, the date on which this proposal was received and the reasons for its pendency; and

(c) by when the said proposal would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) A proposal for consultancy service for preparation of detailed project report (DPR) for construction of Himalayan Highways in Uttarakhand from Tuini-Chakrata-Lakhawar-Yamuna bridge-Mussoorie-Maletha-Almora -Lohaghat was received from Uttarakhand Government under Central Road Fund (CRF) scheme and was approved for ₹ 6.00 crore on 31.01.2005 by this Ministry.

Connecting State capitals in NER

1664. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to connect all State capitals in North Eastern Region (NER) by June, 2016 under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East (SARDP-NE);

(b) if so, the average pace of construction of roads under the programme during the last six years;

(c) the reasons for very slow pace of road construction under the programme; and

(d) the stringent measures taken by Government to expedite highways and road construction work in the region in a time bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (d) All State capitals of North Eastern Region are connected with National Highway. To improve the district connectivity in

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