

North Eastern Region, Ministry had taken up Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East (SARDP-NE) covering length of 6418 Km under Phase 'A' and Arunachal Pradesh Package. This includes National Highways, State Roads and Strategic roads. During the last six years, 1365 Km has been completed. Slow pace of work is mainly due to delay in pre-construction activities, limited working season, and law and order problems etc. To expedite completion of projects in time bound manner, frequent review meetings are taken by the Ministry with State Governments, Border Roads Organisations (BRO), National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and contracting agencies at various levels.

Poor condition of NH-28

†1665. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NH-28 between Barauni and Kushinagar is in a dilapidated condition for the last two-three years, causing loss of revenue worth crores of rupees to Government and thousands of villagers connected to this highway are facing problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons why the National Highways Authority of India has not paid attention towards it;
- (c) the steps taken by Government for repairing and widening the highway; and
- (d) the details of action taken against the officials showing negligence in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (d) The National Highway No. 28 between Barauni to Kushinagar is in traffic worthy condition. However, some stretches of road between Dewapur and Bihar/UP Border was deteriorated due to stoppage of construction and maintenance work by the contractor. The contract-agreement has subsequently been terminated. National Highway Authority of India sanctioned an estimate work amounting to ₹ 33.01 crore for repairs and maintenance of the stretch at the risk and cost of the contractor. Re-bidding for widening to four lane of this section is in process.

Hike in rates of survey/re-survey component

1666. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested for the enhancement of rates

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