

(c) The Agreement would enable cross-border trade of electricity amongst the SAARC Member States on voluntary basis subject to the laws, rules and regulations of the respective Member States. Cross border electricity trade would facilitate transfer of surplus power from one Member State to other Member State(s) in a short term to long term time-frame.

(d) The Agreement includes a provision to enable the Member States to encourage knowledge sharing and joint research related to, *inter-alia*, development and integration of grid of renewable energy sources.

Status of road projects

†2441. CHAUDHARY MUNVVAR SALEEM : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new roads construction work announced during the last five years in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of work completed in the approved projects, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the pending projects, State-wise and the reasons for pendency of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Revamping of toll collection system

2442. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to go for a complete revamp of toll collection across the country in view of the repeated allegations of exhorbitant toll collection, irregularity in collection of toll and other issues raised by the motorist;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of the proposal under Government's consideration to revamp toll collection and the time-frame fixed for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, to do away with allegations of exhorbitant toll collection, irregularity in collection of toll and to have seamless movement on National Highways, Government has decided

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.