

(d) if so, whether Government has issued any notice to recover the penalty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (d) Yes, sir. The expected date of completion of the work is October, 2015 except Junagadh Bypass which is *sub-judice* in Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat. There is a clause for levying damages against the concessionaire for delays if all condition precedents are fulfilled by the National Highways Authority (NHAI). Notice for damages against the concessionaire has not been issued as the delay has been due to land acquisition etc.

Dedicated cycle tracks along roads

2460. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any action plan to promote use of bicycles in urban areas of West Bengal and rest of the country and construct bicycle tracks along the roads with central funding to reduce pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has received any demand on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) The National Urban Transport Policy, 2006 lays emphasis on priority to non-motorized transport including cycling. It stresses on the safety concerns of cyclists and pedestrians by encouraging the construction of segregated rights of way for bicycles and pedestrians. Such segregated paths would be useful not only along arterials, to enable full trips using Non Motorized Transport (NMT) but also as a means of improving access to major public transport stations. The Central Government would give priority to the construction of cycle tracks and pedestrian paths in all cities, to enhance safety and thereby enhance use of non-motorized modes.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

National Highways in Bihar

2461. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal regarding National Highways from Bihar;