

**National Highways in Karnataka**

\*360. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the new National Highways in Karnataka and their linkage with other States; and

(b) the details of length of the road, cost of the work and present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) Four new National Highways covering a length of 534.11 km are having linkage with Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. Development and Maintenance works are taken up in stretches depending upon *inter-se* priority and availability of resources. In the Annual Plan 2014-15, a provision of ₹ 108.20 crore has been made for preparation of Feasibility Study and Detailed Project Report/ widening of roads and construction of bypasses.

**World Bank assistance for building infrastructure**

\*361. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has offered assistance to India for building infrastructure under its global infrastructure facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. This Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has not received any offer from World Bank under Global Infrastructure Facility Programme of World bank for building infrastructure. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is responsible for development management and maintenance of National Highways in the country. World bank is providing assistance to this Ministry for the National Highways Interconnectivity Improvement Projects (NHIIP) under which eleven projects in the State of Bihar, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Odisha and Karnataka have been taken up for improvement. Besides, World Bank is also providing loan assistance to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) under the World Bank Technical Assistance Project namely "Consultancy Services for Technical Assistance to Strengthen Assets Management Capacity of NHAI."