

(b) if so, whether the process of inviting tenders for the above works has been initiated and completed; and

(c) if so, the details and the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) The proposal for construction of 8-lane road between toll plaza at Kharaigaon to Kalyan junction is presently at Detailed Project Report (DPR) stage. As regards road between Kalyan and Murbad, the proposal for 2 lanes with paved shoulder and 4 lanes in built up area is also at DPR stage and proceeding for land acquisition have been initiated.

Environment clearance for Thane-Kalyan road and Mankoli bridge

3247. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for Thane-Kalyan parallel road and Mankoli bridge is awaiting clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) since when these projects are pending with that Ministry for clearance;

(c) whether Government is going to ensure expeditious clearance of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of the National Highways. The above said stretch does not form part of the National Highways network.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Location of toll gates in Odisha

3248. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the toll plazas in Odisha should be set up as per National Highways norms with the consent of both the State Works Department and the Transport Department but Toll gates in the State are located within 60 km distance and also within 10 km radius of the cities which is against National Highway Toll policy;