

**Reconstruction of Sankh-Ambikapur stretch of NH-43**

†3269. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been sanctioned for reconstruction of the stretch from Shank in Jashpur district to Ambikapur in Surguja district in Chhattisgarh on Gumla-Katni NH-43;

(b) if so, whether tendering process has started and whether any blacklisted contractor has also submitted bids;

(c) whether it is a fact that the earlier construction of the said stretch was substandard; and

(d) whether Government would look into its dilapidated condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. Presently, the stretch is maintained in traffic worthy condition.

**Expansion of NH-4**

3270. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to expand National Highway No.4;

(b) if so, the present status thereof including the cost involved, tender allotted/ in process and the time the said construction is likely to take;

(c) whether the tender earlier allotted was cancelled; and

(d) if so, the details there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (d) Development of National Highways (NHs) including NH-4 is a continuous process. Works are taken up in stretches

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