

Completion of NH-104 and NH-105

†751. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that NH-104 and NH-105 in Bihar were scheduled to be completed by 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not constructing the road from Darbhanga to Jaynagar and from Saharghat to Narahiya Bazar *via* Laukaha Laukahi, so far; and
- (d) by when NH-104 and 105 are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Different stretches of NH-104 were scheduled to be completed during May 2014 to August 2016. Stretches of NH-105 were scheduled to be completed by May 2013 to August 2013.

(c) Roads from Darbhanga to Jaynagar and Saharghat to Narahiya could not be completed due to non availability of forest clearances, shortage in availability of stone aggregates and slow progress of the contractor.

- (d) NH-104 and NH-105 are now targeted for completion by 2018.

Declaration of national highways in Uttarakhand

†752. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received any request from Uttarakhand regarding declaration of Haridwar-Roshanabad-Bandarjuti-Buggawala-Biharigarh stretch and Marchula-Bhikiyasen-Chaukhutia-Khedakhansar-Bacchuchaud-Mehalchaud stretch as a National Highway;
- (b) if so, by when the above mentioned stretches are likely to be declared as a National Highway;
- (c) if not, whether the above mentioned stretches are not in public and State interest; and
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (d) Ministry has received proposal for declaration of Haridwar-Roshanabad-Bandarjuti-Buggawala-Biharigarh stretch as new National Highway. The expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, *inter-se*-priority and availability of funds. The proposal sent by State Government of Uttarakhand does not fit in grid criteria. Accordingly, the proposal was not considered.

Condition of NH from Jashpur to Ambikapur

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

(a) whether National Highway from Jashpur to Ambikapur *via* Pathalgaon is in a very very bad condition;

(b) whether the maintenance work which had started has again stopped if so, by when the maintenance work would be completed as NH near Ambikapur is of single lane and bridges are very narrow;

(c) whether green sign boards, light reflectors on roads and white lining on the roads do not exist from the beginning; and

(d) if so, whether they have been put up or not?

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

(b) Maintenance of road is a continuous process and maintenance work is done as per the *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. Out of a total length of 215.40 Km from Ambikapur to Jashpur *via* Pathalgaon, periodical renewal and patch repair works have been completed in 169.60 Km and work is in progress in remaining 45.80 km. Though some portion of National Highway near Ambikapur is single lane and bridges are narrow, however, widening and improvement from Ambikapur to Chhattisgarh/Jharkhand border of NH-78 (new NH-43) has been included under NHDP-IV for which project preparation and pre-construction activities are in advance stage.

(c) and (d) Road furniture like road sign boards, light reflectors (delineator), hazard marker, cats-eye, tree studs etc are fitted in Ambikapur to Pathalgaon portion. Road markings are completed in newly laid renewal work portion.