

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.