

fee notification, discounts/concessions to local and frequent users etc. and transmission of toll data from 19 toll plazas under 9 revenue sharing projects to central server of NHAI on the real time basis and appointment of an Independent Auditor for auditing of the data received.

Upgradation of roads to NHs

903. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to upgrade roads/highways in the country to National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the time by which they are likely to be upgraded;

(c) whether Government also proposes to build/upgrade highways between Karnataka and neighbouring States; and

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the details of feasibility study conducted by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (d) Expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highways is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, *inter-se*-priority and availability of funds.

Construction work on Jashpur-Ambikapur road

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

(a) the amount sanctioned and the width of the road from Jashpur to Ambikapur *via* Pathalgaon in Chhattisgarh;

(b) when the tender process would start therefor; and

(c) whether bypasses required in Jashpur town, Pathalgaon and at Gumla, where NH-43, starts, would be constructed under the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) Widening of NH-78 (New NH-43) from Ambikapur to Jharkhand/Chhattisgarh border is proposed to be developed under NHDP-IV programme. State PWD, Chhattisgarh is preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR). A bypass has been proposed to Pathalgaon, however no bypass has been proposed to Jashpur Town. Work for Gumla bypass has been awarded on 01/12/2015.

Expansion of NHs in North-Eastern States

905. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up the expansion programme of National Highways in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise and National Highway-wise, particularly in Tripura; and

(c) the present status of the expansion plan and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has formulated the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-East (SARDP-NE), for upgradation of 10141 Km. road stretches of National Highways and State Roads in the year 2005-06. Out of 10141 Km. of roads included under SARDP-NE, 6418 Km, which *inter alia* includes 5219 Km. of NHs, has been approved by the Government for implementation under Phase 'A' and the Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads and Highways. Balance 3723 Km. (2210 Km. of NH + 1513 km of State roads) has been approved only for preparation of DPR under Phase 'B' of SARDP-NE. Further as part of National Highway Development Project (NHDP), Phase-II in the North East, the East-West Corridor stretching from Srirampur to Silchar in Assam of 670 Km. has been taken up under NHDP, Phase-II. In addition, 102 Km. length of NH-44 has been sanctioned during 2015-16 under NHDP, Phase-III in North Eastern States, at a cost of ₹ 479.20 crore.

(b) Details of work sanctioned under SARDP-NE Phase 'A' and the Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads and Highways and NHDP during last three years and current year, State-wise and National Highway-wise are given in Statement (*See below*).