[RAJYA SABHA]

Unstarred Questions

330 Written Answers to

Utter Pradesh

Uttarakhand

West Bengal

Jam on NH-58 due to ongoing construction work

†920. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether vehicles and passengers going to Dehradun, Roorkee, Haridwar and other areas from Delhi have to face great difficulties due to heavy two-three hour long jams daily as a result of very slow pace of ongoing construction work on National Highway No. 58 between Purkaji and Roorkee-Haridwar in view of 'Ardh Kumbh' to be held in Haridwar 2016; and
- (b) if so, the details of action taken/being taken by Government to expedite the construction of this road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Four laning of National Highway No.-58 from Muzffarnagar to Haridwar *via* Purkaji is in progress. However, the same is delayed mainly due to poor financial resources of the concessionaire. Efforts in consultation with the lenders have been made and the progress of work has gained momentum. On some occasions, traffic jams occur due to mechanical failure of vehicles, for which immediate remedial actions are taken with the help of police authorities.

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.