

(b) Completion of the balance length has been delayed due to non performance of contractors, resulting in termination of original contract agreements and re-awarding the balance work to the new contractors.

(c) The balance length is scheduled for completion by March, 2018.

Awarding road projects worth ₹5 lakh crore

1705. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to award road projects worth ₹ 1 lakh crore this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government aims to award road projects worth ₹5 lakh crore during the next four years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. It is targeted to award a length of 10,000 km of National Highways amounting to more than Rs.1 lakh crore during the current year.

(c) and (d) No Sir. The target are fixed annually and it is too early to indicate about targets for the next four years.

Monetisation scheme for National Highway Projects

1706. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a monetisation scheme for National Highway projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to accelerate the very slow pace of construction of National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Road