

Use of space technology to monitor highway work

1882. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed MoU with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the North East Centre for Technology Application and Research (NECTAR) to use space technology to monitor the progress of highway work;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any projects have been identified to begin with the use of technology; and

(d) if so, the details of those projects, with particular reference to Telangana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (d) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed on 11.01.2016 between National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Indian Space and Research Organisation (ISRO) and North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR) for use of space technology for Highway projects for preparation of Detailed Project Reports, Feasibility Study Reports, Road Asset Management and Construction Monitoring. 100 km of Hyderabad - Vijaywada section of NH-65 (old NH-9) has been assigned to M/s. NECTAR to develop a Road Asset Management system.

Construction of bridge across Mathred river

1883. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation forwarded by the Prime Minister's Office regarding construction of bridge across Mathred river to connect village, Nandla and other villages in Chirgaon tehsil, district Shimla, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government would ask the State Government to include the bridge under PMGSY/NABARD assisted schemes as the bridge is not in a good condition;

(c) whether Government would give special attention to construct this bridge on priority basis; and