

Damage of roads by water logging

† 475. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government propose to take to obviate the annual damage caused by water-logging to the highways to be constructed in the flood prone States in the country; and

(b) the details of the technique by which the highways would be constructed in those areas of Bihar which remain four to five feet submerged in water during floods as the roads constructed with bitumen get damaged very soon due to water-logging?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) the following techniques and remedial measures are being adopted for construction of highways in water-logged and flood prone areas:

(i) Construction of embankment with selected earth and sufficient free board;

(ii) Construction of cross-drainage works;

(iii) Providing protection works;

(iv) Use of anti-stripping compounds; and

(v) Providing cement concrete pavement, wherever feasible.

Deaths due to road accidents

† 476. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed in road accidents each year in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the efforts being made by Government to-avoid the same; and

(c) the causes for such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) As

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