

- (xiii) Launch of pilot projects for providing cashless treatment of road accident victims on Gurgaon–Jaipur, Vadodara–Mumbai stretch of National Highways No. 8 and Ranchi–Rargaon–Mahulia stretch of National Highway No. 33.

Construction of highways in Himalayan region

1701. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plan to build a highway connecting Kedarnath in Uttarakhand and the probable dates of its beginning and completion along with the cost likely to be incurred thereon;

(b) whether Government has planned highways in the Himalayan region connecting all the Himalayan States; and

(c) if so, the details of places to be connected, length of highways, cost involved and dates of beginning and completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P): (a) Presently, the connectivity through National Highway for Kedarnath in Uttarakhand is up to Gaurikund, beyond which there is pedestrian pathway of 17 km. length. The project of widening and improvement of National Highway to two lane with/without Paved Shoulder from Rudraprayag to Gaurikund for 76 km. length is being taken up in a phased manner. The start of development and improvement of works is targeted for commencement from 2016-17 with completion by 2020. During last two years, works amounting to ₹ 350 crore have already been sanctioned on this National Highway.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise

1702. [Question was cancelled].

Clusters identified under SPMRM

1703. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) for 300 rural growth clusters;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the break up of these 300 clusters, State-wise;