

and Highways has issued draft notification GSR 187(E) dated 19.02.2016 to introduce Bharat Stage-VI emission norms for all vehicles to be applicable all over the country by 1st April, 2020. Suggestions/comments from various concerned industries have been received which are under examination.

Restoration of loss of vegetation due to construction of NHs

87. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that lot of natural vegetation is lost in the process of construction of National Highways which in turn adversely affects ecology of the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take any constructive steps to restore natural vegetation in the areas where construction of National Highways was undertaken;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways promotes plantation of trees along side National Highways to protect vegetation lost in the process of construction of national highways under its Green Highways (Plantation and Maintenance) Policy.

Announcement to extend length of NHs in Jharkhand

†88. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister had made an announcement to extend the length of National Highways in Jharkhand from 2600 km. to 5200 km.;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the existing highways in the State are not being maintained properly; and

(c) if so, the manner in which maintenance of additional road would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) Yes Sir; an announcement was

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.