

**Widening of Dwarka-Somnath highway**

†1613. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI has any plan to widen the Dwarka-Somnath road and if so, whether there is any plan to make this road of six lane instead of four lane as Dwarka and Somnath are major pilgrimage centres;

(b) the proposed time-frame for completion of the said road; and

(c) the proposed time-frame to convert Kodinar to Veraval section and Bhavnagar to Talaja section in Gujarat into four lane?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) Yes Sir. Dwaraka to Somnath section of NH-8E is proposed to be developed to 2 lane with paved shoulder/ 4 laned under NHDP-IV.

(b) Feasibility study for the above stretch is under progress. Time frame for completion of above stretch can not be indicated at this stage.

(c) The work of 4 laning of Kodinar to Veraval section of NH-8E has been awarded on 26.07.2016. Concession Agreement for 4 laning of Bhavnagar to Talaja section of NH-8E has been signed on 19.07.2016. These 2 stretches are likely to be 4 laned by July 2019.

**Achievement of road construction target by NHAI**

†1614. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NHAI has not been able to meet the scheduled target of per day road construction;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of target of per day road construction fixed by NHAI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) National Highways Authority

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