

**Abandoning of works by contractors**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that those contractors who were awarded contracts by NHA1 for the construction of Lucknow-Kanpur, Bareilly-Lucknow, Lucknow-Varanasi, etc., roads have left the work due to which the work is held up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the actual reasons of obstruction in the construction of above roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) The work for 4-laning of Lucknow - Kanpur section of NH-25 has already been completed.

In Bareilly-Lucknow section of NH-24, 4-laning of Lucknow-Sitapur section has already been completed and 4-laning of Bareilly-Sitapur section is under implementation.

As regards Lucknow - Varanasi section, the work for 4-laning of Lucknow-Sultanpur section of NH-56 was terminated due to non achievement of financial closure and non- signing of state support agreement. Bids for four laning of Lucknow-Sultanpur section have been re-invited by NHA1 and received. The work for 4-laning of Sultanpur-Varanasi section of NH-56 has been awarded in two packages and is under implementation.

**Repair and maintenance of NHs in Rajasthan**

†792. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by the Central Government for repair and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in Rajasthan during the last five years; and

(b) whether the Central Government proposes to include the proposals for repair work of the stretches left unrepaired due to construction of bye-passes on National Highways in the annual plan for 2016-17 and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) Funds allocated by the Central Government for repair and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in Rajasthan during the last five years is as under:

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