

**New ROB projects**

598. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any feasibility studies to go about with new Road Over Bridge (ROB) projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such projects started during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken several steps to mobilize funds for speedy completion of certain ROB projects which are incomplete/pending due to lack of funds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the details of such projects, State-wise; and
- (e) the total expenditure incurred during the last five years to execute ROB projects on National Highways in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Feasibility study for 208 standalone ROB projects has been undertaken under Setu Bhartam Scheme in initial phase.

(c) and (d) ROB projects under Setu Bhartam Scheme have been undertaken through Budgetary support of Government.

- (e) The works under Setu Bhartam Scheme are in initial phase of award.

**Coverage of national highway network**

†599. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is committed to strengthen road transport to every corner of the country through National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the incomplete work of National Highway to Muzaffarpur and the work of bridge over river Ganga in Patna would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Ministry is primarily

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responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs), which is a continuous process. The works on NHs are, accordingly, taken up from time to time within the available resources based upon the assessment of their conditions, traffic density and inter-se priority. The total length of NHs at present is about 1,03,613 km. Further, the Ministry has approved "In-Principle" declaration of about 47,890 km length of State Roads as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

The Ministry has, also, taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, along with integration with Sagarmala, construction / rehabilitation / widening of major bridges and Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) ✓ on NHs, connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri and Gangotri in Uttarakhand) etc., under new programmes. However, these programmes are yet to be formally launched.

(c) The project of 4 laning of Hajipur - Muzaffarpur section of NH-77, which was scheduled to be completed in February, 2013, has been delayed; the revised target for completion of the project is December, 2017.

The contract agreement for the work of replacement of superstructure of existing bridge on River Ganga in Patna has been signed on 07.10.2016 with the construction period of 42 months from the Appointed Date.

#### **Funds for repair of national highways in Rajasthan**

†600. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds being allocated to Rajasthan for repairing of National Highways per year;

(b) whether the amount is being allocated as per demand of Rajasthan Government and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the balance amount would be reimbursed and, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) An allocation of ₹92.38

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