

These road projects are under implementation by State PWD, Assam and National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL). The works are in various stages of progress.

Structures on Delhi-Jaipur Highway

1399. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many structures have been proposed for six laning of Delhi-Jaipur highway and out of this, how many structures have been accepted;

(b) the number of incomplete structures; and

(c) whether engineering solutions, like removing black spots, have been incorporated to help reduce the number of accidents and fatalities on new highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Delhi-Jaipur Section of NH-8 comprises of following two sections (i) Delhi-Gurgaon Section; and (ii) Gurgaon-Jaipur Section.

(i) Delhi-Gurgaon Section: Delhi-Gurgaon section has already been completed and opened to traffic since 23.01.2008. Total 9 numbers. flyovers were proposed and completed on this section. Subsequently, four additional structures have been sanctioned and are under construction/to be constructed.

(ii) Gurgaon-Jaipur Section: As per the original scope of work, 94 structures were proposed. However, later on 26 structures were deleted/delinked and now, Concessionaire has to construct total 68 structures, out of which only four structures are in progress.

(c) A number of measures have been taken by Government to check the increasing number of fatal accidents on this stretch which includes engineering solution to remove black spots by increasing length of service road, providing Foot over Bridges, metal beam crash barrier, drainage, sign boards, traffic aid post, cranes, ambulances, highway patrolling and deployment of traffic marshals, Highway Traffic Management System (HTMS).

Cost of transportation of goods

1400. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative cost of logistics (transportation of goods) in internal trade in India *vis-à-vis* rest of the world; and

(b) what steps are under consideration of Government for improving the situation?