

Work on Pathalgaon to Jashpur National Highway

427. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work for National Highway from Pathalgaon to Jashpur (Shank Border) has been tendered and by when the work would start and by when it would be completed; and

(b) whether a bypass at Jashpur was proposed and whether it would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) The work of Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder on National Highway from Pathalgaon to Shank Border is to be executed in two Packages. The details are given below:—

Sl. No.	Description	Status
1.	Pathalgaon to Kunkuri Section	The work has been awarded and Appointed Date for the Project is 15.07.2016 with construction period of 02 years.
2.	Kunkuri to Jharkhand/Chhattisgarh Border (Shank Border)	The proposal for this section has been received from State PWD and is under examination.

(b) Bypass for Jashpur has not been proposed in the Detailed Project Report.

Reduction in passenger vehicles

428. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to tackle the problem of increasing pollution and traffic congestion as a result of increasing sales of passenger vehicles in India;

(b) the details of quality of air in the country during 2010-2016, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has devised a policy to reduce the sale or ownership of passenger vehicles to reduce pollution and traffic congestion and if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) To reduce vehicular pollution across the country, Government has taken proactive steps to promote environment friendly vehicles which are innovative, ushering in proactive use of natural resources.