

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has plan for an investment of ₹ 75000 Crore towards development of about 3000 kms. National Highways in the State of Andhra Pradesh. 18 works amounting to ₹ 4466 crore including 11 works amounting to ₹ 1872 crore in the Rayalaseema region have been sanctioned by the Ministry under NH(O) and NHDP Phase-IV during 2016-17 for development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh. Ministry allocated ₹ 700 crore under NH (O) and ₹ 1310 crore under NHDP Phase-IV during 2016-17 in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

**Digital payment method for toll collection**

2015. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of the total number of toll transactions on National Highways, almost 20 per cent have moved to the digital payment method;

(b) whether there has been huge increase in the number of transactions through the digital mode;

(c) whether Government expects it to touch 30 per cent of the total toll collection in the coming months; and

(d) whether over two lakh RFID toll cards have been sold since demonetisation announcement on 8th November, 2016?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The digital transactions have increased substantially since resumption of tolling post demonetisation. There is a increase in digital transaction from approx 4% initially to around 20% by the end of Feb. 2017.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. Earlier, upto 08.11.2016, total FAS Tags issued were less than one lakh and the tag issuance has seen huge jump since then. As on 10.03.2017, a total of 3,54,761 FAS Tags have been issued.