

(e) the effective steps taken/being taken by Government to achieve the targets set in and the sections of NHs which are being given top priority in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Ministry has set an ambitious target of 15,000 km for the construction of National Highways (NHs) during the current financial year 2016-17 and 6604 km has been achieved as on 28th February in 2016-17.

(c) and (d) Target and achievement for the construction of NHs during the last three financial years are as follows: (length in km)

Year	Target	Achievement
2013-14	6300	4260
2014-15	6300	4410
2015-16	10,950	6061

(e) Regular meetings are held with project developers, State Governments and contractors. Regular review meetings are held in Head Quarter by Ministry with Regional Officers, concessionaires/contractors to make the construction of projects hassle free. To expedite timely completion of all the projects running across the country, various steps are also taken which include streamlining of land acquisition and environment clearances, exit for equity investors, premium re-schedulement, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, frequent reviews at various levels etc.

Four laning of Ranchi-Gumla road

3616. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ranchi to Gumla road has heavy traffic; and

(b) whether Government is planning to convert this two lane road into a four lane road and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Ranchi-Gumla Road of NH-23 is having qualifying traffic for 4 laning. The project of four-laning of Ranchi to Palma section (length 23.10km) has been approved. Four laning of remaining section shall be taken up after completion of land acquisition in 80% of length.