

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken in this regard, so far, and the present position thereof; and
- (d) by when construction would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Preparation of DPR from Chatrapur (extended to Gopalpur) to Ratanpur has been assigned to M/s Chaitanya Projects Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. and from Ratanpur to Digha has been assigned to M/s Aarvee Associates Pvt. Limited. The said consultants have commenced their services for preparation of DPR with effect from 11.02.2016. After preliminary survey, the proposed alignment of the said stretch has been shared with the State Government in the meeting held on 03.09.2016 which has been agreed in-principle by the State Govt. Subsequently, the same was approved in-principle by the Competent Authority of National Highways Authority of India *vide* letter dated 24.11.2016. Accordingly, the detailed survey of the stretch on the approved alignment has been undertaken by both the consultants. Field investigation and survey works have been substantially completed for the proposed stretch. The feasibility report for Ratanpur to Digha section has been received and same in respect of Gopalpur to Ratanpur is under preparation which is likely to be submitted by July 2017. The project will involve acquisition of huge area of private land/forest land apart from existing land under State Govt. The land acquisition will be commenced after approval of DPR. After availability of atleast 90% of land, the project will be commenced.

Highways projects in Karnataka

900. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many new National Highway projects have been earmarked for Karnataka;
- (b) the rate of conversion of the present highways into 4/6 lanes in the State; and
- (c) the total budget outlay for the current financial year for all the highway projects in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) There are 146 projects earmarked for the state of Karnataka for the year 2017-18.

(b) During the year 2016-17 a total length of 240 km and during the present year up to end of June 2017 a total length of 49.6 km has been converted in to 4/6 lane in the state.

(c) The total outlay for the current year is ₹ 6861 cr.

Identification of old bridges for repair

901. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has identified various bridges in the country which have outlived their utilities; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard with a particular reference to Bihar and Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One bridge in Bihar and none in Jharkhand has crossed 100 years of design life.

Taking over of incomplete expressways/road projects of states

902. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incomplete State expressway/road projects taken over by Government during each of the last three years and the current status thereof, year-wise and State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether proposals received from some of the States to take over incomplete expressway/road projects are still pending with Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?