

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the target for completion of the road network in the country in general and Rajasthan in particular?

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

(c) 1457 projects amounting to ₹ 403249 Crore having length 45830 km are ongoing for the development of National Highways in the country which includes 114 projects amounting to ₹ 22944 Crore having length 4566 km in Rajasthan and these are expected to be completed by Dec. 2019.

#### **Development of Greenfield Economic Corridors**

1697. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any major programme of Government to create Greenfield Economic Corridors to connect ports, backward areas and major towns and cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) the details of the facilities proposed to be created along these corridors which will create employment for the people; and

(d) the time-frame targeted for completion of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) No Madam. However, identified highway corridors of economic importance have been included as Economic Corridors in the proposed Bharatmala program. In addition, Coastal and Port Connectivity roads are also included in the program and all these categories include projects in Maharashtra. Final approval of the Bharatmala program is awaited.

#### **Payment of bribes to NHAI officials**

1698. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a US based firm paid millions of dollar as bribe to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials to receive contracts; and