

BBIN Motor Vehicle Agreement

1681. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bhutan has backed out of the Bhutan, Bangladesh, India and Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicle Agreement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to go ahead with the project without Bhutan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) Bhutan, being one of the signatories to the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA), has not yet ratified the BBIN MVA. Pending ratification, however, Bhutan has given its consent for the BBIN MVA to enter into force for the other 3 countries *i.e.* Bangladesh, India and Nepal, who have already ratified it.

Status of eastern peripheral expressway

1682. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has completed the Eastern Peripheral Expressway for ensuring better and fast connectivity near Delhi/NCR;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (d) the details of the companies whose work is delayed so far and corrective measures taken, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) The works for Eastern Peripheral Expressway have been awarded in six packages and scheduled date of completion is March 2018. There is no delay.

Companies involved in construction of highways

1683. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given any big projects in the country to international companies including the China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC);