

(d) No such study has been performed by MoRTH to estimate the impact of bus terminals in reducing automobile growth.

Widening of Katni-Gumla NH-43

†254. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of widening of NH-43 from Katni to Gumla is in progress;
- (b) if so, whether any time-limit has been fixed therefor and whether the work is being done as per the fixed time-limit;
- (c) whether soil is being dumped on the road in haphazard manner while undertaking this work due to which people are facing problems in commuting; and
- (d) whether, due to widening of highways drivers face problems of poor visibility caused by dust and slackness is being noticed in adhering to the rules for sprinkling water and taking other precautionary steps?

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

(b) The works are at various stages of progress and scheduled for completion by November, 2019.

(c) and (d) The work is being executed as per approved methodology, specifications and guidelines issued by the Ministry. Necessary precautions are made for smooth movement of traffic by sprinkling water to reduce dust during construction.

Rise in road accidents

255. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether big cities of the country have reported big rise in road accidents in 2016 as compared to the previous year;
- (b) if so, the number of road accidents and the number of people who died in such accidents during the last two years, National Highway-wise and State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.