

Construction of bypass under Bharatmala scheme

2181. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to construct bypasses in important cities of the country in order to avoid decongestion under Bharatmala Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof together with the names of cities in Assam and other North-Eastern States proposed to be covered under the scheme; and
- (c) whether the action plan has been finalized in this regard and financial allocation approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Under the Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I, 28 nos. Ring Roads, 125 nos.

Choke Points and 66 nos. Congestion Points have been identified in the entire country including Guwahati in the State of Assam where intervention has been planned. A total budget outlay of ₹ 5,35,000 crore has been earmarked for Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I proposed to be executed over a period of five years *i.e.* from 2017-18 to 2021-22. The other major cities where intervention has been planned under this scheme in the North-Eastern States are Imphal, Silchar, Shillong, Dibrugarh, Dimapur and Aizawl.

Increasing accidents in hilly states

2182. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry has taken cognizance of increasing accidents in hilly States of the country;
- (b) if so, whether Ministry proposes to come up with a Hill Road Safety Policy, as hilly terrains demand different considerations than roads in plain areas;
- (c) whether such a policy is proposed, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the additional safety measures put in place in hilly areas as compared to plain roads and the mechanism put in place to undertake audit of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) National Highways are designed