Disaster at under construction flyover in Varanasi

†579. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of authority found guilty of the disaster at under construction flyover in Varanasi;

(b) whether Government has paid compensation to the dependents of the deceased of this disaster;

(c) whether Government has taken any action against the contractor engaged in construction of the flyover; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. The said flyover in Varanasi is not on a National Highway and comes under the purview of State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Ring Roads in the country

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

(a) whether Government is planning to build Ring Roads in major cities of the country and Guwahati in particular;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with financial allocations made for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government have identified the cities for building Ring Roads and if so, name of the cities particularly in Assam and other North Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) 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 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-East Region are Imphal, Silchar, Shillong, Dibrugarh, Dimapur and Aizawl.

Greenfield road networks

581. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified at least five greenfield road networks connecting major industrial and manufacturing hubs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these stretches will reduce the existing distance travelled by upto 200 km.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Based on the traffic studies and to enable efficient freight movement from the industrial centers to the consumption centres as well as to the ports, new greenfield routes i.e. (i) Gurugram (Sohna)-Vadodara via Sohna-Kota-Godhra (ii) Sangaria- Sanchore-Santalpur Via. Bikaner (iii) Ismailabad (Pehowa)-Charkhi Dadri-Narnaull (iv) Chennai-Salem and (v) Chittoor-Thatchur corridors have been identified for connecting major industrial and manufacturing hubs.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. These green field stretches are expected to reduce the existing length by about 500 km as detailed below:–

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