

Sl. No.	State/UT	Sarpanches
25.	Telangana	4,602
26.	Tripura	285
27.	Uttar Pradesh	19,992
28.	Uttarakhand	4,007
29.	West Bengal	1,557
TOTAL		1,06,154

Construction on Patna-Buxar NH

†247. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in the construction of Patna-Buxar National Highway;
- (b) by when it is likely to be completed, considering the present pace of work;
- (c) the reasons for very slow pace of construction of the bridge on the river Ganga in Buxar parallel to the existing bridge; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to extend the Patna-Buxar National Highway upto Banaras from Chausa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) The work of 4-laning of Patna-Buxar National Highway Project on NH-922 has been awarded in three packages. The construction period in all the three Packages is 912 days from the appointed date. The appointed date of Package-I and Package-III is yet to be fixed and the appointed date of Package-II is 04-07-2017. The construction of new bridge on river Ganga in Buxar parallel to the existing bridge has not been started due to non-availability of land as required in Contract Agreement. The Buxar-Chausa-Ramgarh-Mohania stretch has been in-principally declared as National Highway on 12-05-2016. The Mohania-Varanasi stretch is already part of National Highway 19.

Distance-based toll charge

248. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.