

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) Gangotri National Park starts from Bhairoghathi and falls under Bhatwari block in Uttarkashi district. As regards to Mori Block of Uttarkashi, there are 9 villages viz. (a) Osla (b) Gangad, (c) Pawani, (d) Dhatmir, (e) Kalap, (f) Nuranu, (g) Halwadi, (h) Sewa and (i) Bariand that comes under Govind Vanya Jeev National Park and are eligible habitation under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). Out of these 9 villages, State Government of Uttarakhand has submitted detailed project report for 5 villages namely Osla, Gangad Pawani, Dhatmir, and Kalap to National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA).

Projects funded by Asian Development Bank

1870. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of road construction projects in India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal in progress;

(b) whether these projects have been funded by Asian Development Bank;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the present status of these projects; and

(d) the extent to which the completion of the projects would give a boost to trade and business between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) The Bharatmala Pariyojana approved by the Government includes, *inter alia*, a component for developing 5300 kms of the Border and international connectivity roads to improve connectivity and trade with Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Myanmar. ADB financed road transport projects linking Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal broadly cover Kathmandu (Nepal)-Kakarbhitta (Nepal)-Panitanki (India)-Phulbari (India)-Banglabandha (Bangladesh)-Mongla/Chittagong (Bangladesh), and Thimphu (Bhutan)-Phuentsholing (Bhutan)-Jaigaon (India)-Changrabandha (India)-Burimari (Bangladesh)-Mongla/Chittagong (Bangladesh) corridors under its South Asian Sub Regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC). The corridors in Bangladesh and India link certain sections of the Asian Highway 1 and 2 to Myanmar. The country-wise details of ADB-supported road transport projects, as of December, 2017, are given below:-

India

- (i) SASEC Road Connectivity Investment Program-Tranche 1 (Loan 3118 approved in 2014) covers
 - (a) Kakarbhitta (Nepal)-Panitanki (India)-Phulbari (India)-Banglabandha (Bangladesh).
 - (b) Phuentsholing (Bhutan)-Jaigaon (India)-Changrabandha (India) - Burimari (Bangladesh), including new access road to Pasakha industrial estate.
- (ii) SASEC Road Connectivity Investment Program-Tranche 2 (for approval in 2018) covers Mechi river bridge (0.7km bridge and 0.8km approach roads) between Kakarbhitta (Nepal)-Panitanki (India).

Bangladesh

- (i) SASEC Road Connectivity (Loan 2949, approved 2012) covers 70 km Dhaka Northwest Corridor upgrading to 4 lanes (Joydevpur-Chandra-Tangail-Elenga Road) and Benapole and Burimari.
- (ii) SASEC Dhaka-Northwest Corridor Road Project Phase 2 (Loan 3593 Tranche 1, approved 2017) covers 190 km improvement of Elenga-Hatiramkul-Rangpur to 4-lane highway.
- (iii) Subregional Transport Preparatory Facility Additional Financing (Loan 3295, approved 2015) covers sections of Banglabandha/Bhurimari-Mongla/Chittagong and other priority international corridor segments.

Bhutan

SASEC Road Connectivity (Loan 3149 approved in 2014) covers (i) Pasakha Access Road; (ii) Land Customs Station; (iii) Phuentsholing Northern Bypass; and (iv) Mini-Dry Port.

Nepal

- (i) SASEC Road Connectivity (Loan 3012, approved 2013): Strategic Roads Improvement includes Alternate East-West Highway route, border connectivity road and Mid-hill East-West corridors.
- (ii) SASEC Roads Improvement (Loan 3478, approved 2016) covers (i) Section of East-West Highway and SAARC Corridors 4 and 7 (115km from Narayanghat-Butwal) and (ii) Bhairahawa-Lumbini-Taulihawa Road.

(d) The above projects are primarily to improve connectivity and regional cooperation among India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal and upto Myanmar and would have the potential of enhancing trade and economic cooperation between countries in South Asia and ASEAN countries.