

connectivity for Non-Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors and Feeder Routes along with integration with Sagarmala, etc., under "Bharatmala Pariyojana". Under this proposal, the Ministry has identified stretches for development of about 26,200 km. length of Economic Corridors, 8,000 km. of Inter Corridors, 7,500 km. of Feeder Routes, 5,300 km. Border and International connectivity roads, 4,100 km. Coastal and Port connectivity roads, 1,900 km. Expressways, National Corridor Efficiency improvement by development of ring roads around 28 cities, decongestion of about 125 choke points and 66 congestion points, development of 35 nos. of Multimodal Logistics Parks.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal for investment approval for Phase-I of "Bharatmala Pariyojana" during its meeting held on 24.10.2017. "Bharatmala Pariyojana" Phase-I includes development of about 9,000 km. length of Economic corridors, about 6,000 km. length of Inter Corridor and feeder roads, about 5,000 km. length of National Corridors Efficiency improvements, about 2,000 km. length of Border and International connectivity roads, about 2,000 km. length of Coastal and port connectivity roads, about 800 km. length of Expressways and balance length of about 10,000 km. of roads under NHDP. The programme is targeted for completion in 2021-2022.

The general principle for upgradation of roads under Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana includes development of Economic corridors primarily to 4/6 lane NH standards, Inter Corridor and feeder roads primarily to 4 lane NH standards and Border, International connectivity roads, Coastal and port connectivity roads primarily to 2 lane NH standards.

Generally, provisions of medians are essentially made for all NHs/roads of 4 lane NH standards and above in order to segregate traffic moving in opposite directions.

Four laning of NH-31

2806. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hon'ble Minister had announced four laning of NH-31 from Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh to Hajipur in Bihar two years back;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for four laning of NH-31 till date during 2017-18 and 2018-19, year-wise;

(d) the details of the work undertaken so far for four laning of NH-31, district-wise;

(e) whether Government is aware of the large number of potholes on NH-31 from Bharouli to Ballia City; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The feasibility study/DPR for Ghazipur to Manjhighat stretch has been initiated. As such, the details such as funds, work undertaken etc. cannot be indicated for Ghazipur-Manjhighat stretch.

The work for 4-laning of Chhapra-Hajipur section including 2-lane Chhapra bypass has been initiated. The physical progress for this stretch is 75% with scheduled completion date as June, 2019. The total fund released and utilised for this project during year 2017-18 and 2018-19 till now is approximately ₹ 50 crores and ₹ 27 crores approximately.

(e) and (f) The stretch between Bharouli to Ballia has been repaired and overlay has been provided during November and December, 2018.

Airstrips on NHs

2807. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government is planning to set up emergency landing airstrips on the National Highways across India;

(b) if so, the purpose and details thereof;

(c) the total cost in setting up of these airstrips;

(d) whether the work of site survey and inspection has been completed; and

(e) by when these airstrips are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry is planning to set up emergency landing airstrips on National Highways considering requirement of National Security and Logistics necessities in case of emergencies.