

(b) whether the target set has been achieved by Government in completing the construction of highways in these States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) details of the funds allocated for the highways projects in these States; and

(d) whether there is any project delay due to lack of required land, if so, the efforts by Government to resolve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) Details of the progress of the construction of the National Highways in Kilometres in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh for the last three years is as below:—

Length of National Highways constructed in kilometres			
Financial year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Kerala	84.64	329	471.52
Andhra Pradesh	529.85	852.70	1153.88

(b) Due to various delays in LA and shifting of utilities, delay in obtaining clearances from various statutory authorities etc., there have been short falls in achieving targets of construction in the State of Kerala and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) The details of funds allocated for National Highways constructed with concerned State PWD during the last 3 years are as below:—

Funds allocated for National Highways during the last 3 years (in Rupees crore)			
Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Kerala	204.96	375.35	286.13
Andhra Pradesh	1755	1600	950

(d) No ongoing project has been delayed due to lack of required land in the State of Kerala whereas five projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh are delayed on this account. Competent authority for Land acquisition (CALA) has been requested to expedite land acquisition and ensure timely payment of compensation amount.

Improvement in connectivity in border areas

101. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to improve connectivity in border areas, especially in India-Pakistan and India-China border areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of achievement of Government in this regard during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the implementation of an umbrella programme for National Highways “Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I” on 24th October, 2017, at an estimated outlay of ₹ 5,35,000 crore. A total of 24,800 kms. length of National Highways (including about 2,000 km. length of Border and International connectivity roads) have been considered in Phase-I as well as 10,000 km. residual road works under NHDP.

(c) Under Border and International Connectivity component of Bharatmala Pariyojana programme, road projects with an aggregate length of about 1220 kms. have been awarded up to December, 2018.

Development of State waterways

†102. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to State whether it is a fact that Government has formulated any action plan for the development of inter State waterways in the rivers of the country, if so, the rivers and the waterways of the country which have been included in the action plan and the total financial outlay made for this action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): To promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, 111 (including 5 existing and 106 new) National Waterways (NWs), spread over 24 states, have been declared under the National Waterways Act, 2016, which came into effect from 12 April, 2016. The list of these NWs is given in the Statement-I (*See below*). Out of these, 25 NWs are interstate NWs and their list is given in the Statement (*See below*).

NWs-1, 2 and 3 are operational and cargo and passenger vessels are moving on them. The development works on NW-4 under Phase-I had commenced in 2017 and developmental activities have been initiated on NW-5.

In addition, Government is implementing the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) at an estimated cost of ₹ 5369.18 crore for capacity augmentation of navigation on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) on the Haldia–Varanasi stretch of Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System with technical and financial assistance of the World Bank.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.