

**Construction of highways**

852. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had fixed a target of constructing more than 16,000 kilometres of roads in the year 2018-19;
- (b) if so, the target achieved so far; and
- (c) details of steps being taken to achieve this target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) Ministry has set the target of 10000 km for construction of National Highways in the current financial year 2018-19 and achieved 6715 km as on 31st Dec., 2018 in FY 2018-19. To expedite completion of NHs projects various steps are taken which include streamlining of land acquisition and environment clearances, premium re-scheduling, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, frequent reviews at various levels etc. In order to ensure timely completion of the projects, regular meetings are held with project developers, State Governments and contractors at all levels.

**Reduction in road accidents**

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

- (a) the total number of road accidents and resultant deaths and injuries in 2018, State-wise;
- (b) whether a fifty per cent reduction in road accidents can be achieved by 2020;
- (c) if so, steps taken by Government to ensure the same; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for not being able to meet the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) The Ministry collects data/information on road accidents from the all State/UTs. They provide data/information to this Ministry in the prescribed format on road accidents on all roads including National Highways. The latest compiled data of road accidents available from the States/UTs is for the calendar year 2017.