

of National Highways passing through various districts is a continuous process and projects for the same are taken up from time to time depending upon their *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. Under the Bharatmala Pariyojana programme, various measures to remove heavy traffic jam/congestion have been envisaged such as ring roads, bypasses, grade separator structures etc. at 219 nos. locations in the country which include cities in Uttar Pradesh.

In the last four years, various projects for development/upgradation of National Highways from single/intermediate/2-lanes up to 4-lane configuration were taken up. The total length of such projects constructed till November, 2018 is approximately 680 kms. Further, during the past three years, development/upgradation of National Highways for an aggregate length of about 23,820 kms. has been completed in the country till November, 2018 out of which approximately 1,930 kms. length was completed in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Bharatmala in Gujarat

†830. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Gujarat which will be connected with the National Highways under the Bharatmala Project, Phase-1;

(b) the details of the works done so far in this regard; and

(c) the amount released for this work for Gujarat and the amount utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) The Bharatmala Pariyojana is an umbrella programme, comprising about 65,000 km. of Highways. As per the aforesaid Bharatmala Pariyojana programme, it has been envisaged to provide connectivity to 550 districts in the country through Bharatmala network which include various districts in the State of Gujarat. Out of the total length under Bharatmala Pariyojana, 24,800 km. Highways (*i.e.* economic corridors, inter corridors, feeder routes, border roads etc.) along with 10,000 km. residual NHDP stretches have been envisaged for construction under Phase-I of the Pariyojana over a period of 5 years *i.e.* from 2017-18 to 2021-22 for which ₹ 5,35,000 crores have been earmarked. In the State of Gujarat, an aggregate length of about 2,070 kms. under various road projects has been completed.

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