

Road projects in NE region

†835. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government for the development of the North-Eastern region;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to make a network of roads for the development of the North-Eastern region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. Ministry has already taken up massive road development programme in North-Eastern region under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme-North East (SARDP-NE). Under this programme 2910 km road has already been developed and 3508 km is under implementation. Besides SARDP-NE, 5507 km road has been identified for development under Bharatmala Pariyojana in North-Eastern Region.

Status of highway projects

836. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure that all land and environmental clearances are obtained before awarding highway projects to concessionaires;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is taking any step to establish a dispute redressal mechanism for clearing stressed or delayed road projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) The process of awarding the contract involves various stages which includes appointment of consultant for DPR preparation, finalization of DPRs, appraisal of the project by the Competent Authorities, invitation of bids and finalization of successful bidders. Further, the projects are awarded based on the preparedness in terms of pre-construction activities mainly in

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