

Construction of NHs in Bihar

†844. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the construction and repairing of National Highways in Bihar during the current financial year, National Highway-wise;

(b) the progress made in the construction work of Buxar-Patna four lane NH and by when it would be completed; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the construction work of this highway is sluggish due to land acquisition related hurdles and slow pace of work by construction company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) The State-wise allocation is made for the amount for the construction and repairing of National Highways under NH (O) and M&R. The amount allocated for the construction and repairing of National Highways to the State Government during the current financial year are ₹ 1846.31 crore and ₹ 43.06 crore respectively. However, no State-wise allocation made for National Highways under National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). NHAI has incurred ₹ 796.55 crore for construction and repairing of National Highways in Bihar during the current financial year.

(b) Construction work of Patna-Buxar section has been undertaken in 3 packages. Status of current progress are as below:—

1. Patna-Koilwar section: Work is recommended for fore-closure for want of LA.
2. Koilwar-Bhojpur section: Physical Progress-27.91%, Completion date-02.01.2020
3. Bhojpur-Buxar section: Physical progress-7.51%, Completion date-16.0.2020

(c) Yes Sir, The progress is behind the schedule due to land acquisition related hurdles and slow mobilization of contractor.

Six-laning of NH-8

845. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the travel-time from Gurgaon to Jaipur due to the six-laning of NH-8 has been reduced to three and a half hours as promised by the Ministry in 2016;

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