

**Proposals for construction of
roads/highways in Punjab**

1714. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned any projects for construction of roads/highways in Punjab particularly in Amritsar since May, 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) details of the proposed schemes to be introduced in Punjab, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) The Ministry, since May, 2014 has sanctioned 132 number of National Highway works costing ₹ 20144.20 Crore in Punjab which includes 9 number of National Highway works costing ₹ 1399.56 Crore in Amritsar district.

(c) The sanction of National Highway projects depend upon the traffic volume, availability of right of way (RoW), *inter-se* priority, availability of funds etc.

Scarcity of funds for road projects

1715. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several road projects throughout the country hit a road block due to scarcity of funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and details of pending projects, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has any specific plan to complete these road projects in a fixed time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The works on NHs are, accordingly, taken up depending upon *inter-se* priority, traffic density and availability of funds.

No NH projects are stuck up due to scarcity of resources/fund available with the Government.

Amritsar-Delhi Expressway

1716. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: