

The details of major projects sanctioned under the scheme since its inception till date include 123 Residential Schools, 2492 School Buildings, 43253 ACRs, 1264 Hostels, 198 ITIs, 55 Polytechnics, 7 Working Women Hostels, 5172 Health Projects, 41381 Anganwadi Centres, 502 Sadbhav Mandaps etc., Details of projects sanctioned under the PMJVK, State/UT-wise are available on the website of the Ministry at <http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/empowered-committee-minutes>.

Status of Bharatmala Project

1563. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bharatmala Project is languishing since its implementation;
- (b) if not, the status of implementation of Bharatmala Project, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of physical targets set and achieved so far, project-wise; and
- (d) the manner in which Ministry is going to achieve the targets by FY 2020-21?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government of India approved the implementation of Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-i in October, 2017 with an estimated outlay of ₹ 5,35,000 Crore for development of 34,800 km. length of National Highways (including 10,000 km residual NHDP road works). Under this program, 255 road projects with aggregate length of about 10,699 km. with an aggregate amount of ₹ 2,64,956 Crore have been approved. This includes 13 road projects with aggregate length of about 506 km. for a Total cost of ₹ 12,766 Crore in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) to (d) Out of 255 approved projects, 225 projects with an aggregate length of about 9,561 km have already been awarded for construction. As per Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approval, Bharatmala Pariyojana is targeted for completion by financial year 2021-22. All necessary efforts are being made to achieve the targets as approved by CCEA.

Challenges in improving NHs

1564. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the major challenge Government is facing in its attempt to improve National Highways;

(b) whether the cost for brace wall in hilly areas been included in Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of approved road project, to stabilise the highway, if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the present approved period in the contract package for the contractors in India to be responsible for free maintenance of roads built by them?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) The major challenge Government is facing to improve National Highways are

- (i) Land acquisition,
- (ii) Shifting of utilities,
- (iii) Environment and Forest Clearance,
- (iv) Wild life clearance,
- (iv) Availability of less working season in Hilly region,
- (v) Non-availability of skill man power and local Agencies in hilly region.

(b) Based on existing site condition, breast wall, retaining wall, side drain, soil nailing etc. are generally included in Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of road project in hill area to stabilize the road.

(c) 5 years maintenance period for road works and 10 years maintenance period for bridge works are kept in contract of Highway project.

Advisory for safety of heavy goods vehicles and trailers

†1565. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any advisory to the State Governments to overcome the shortcomings in connection with the safety of heavy goods vehicles and trailers across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any provision of monitoring has been made by Government to ensure the compliance of advisory issued to the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) As per the amendment made in the Rule 138 B of the Central Motor

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.