

- (b) by what time the four-laning work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (b) Manikpur-Sahebganj-Kesariya-Areraj section is not National Highway (NH), it is State Highway-74. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for four laning of this section has been initiated. Verification of land to be acquired has also been initiated by respective Competent Authority Land Acquisition (CALA) for publication of the same is in Gazette Notification.

**Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) projects in the country**

135. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the investors have been wary of investing money in Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) projects due to changing traffic flows on account of new roads that come up nearby and many other risk factors;

(b) whether Government proposes to study traffic density on roads periodically and tweak concession periods accordingly for BOT projects and encourage investors; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and time-frame for implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) Yes Sir. Many investors have shown concern for changing traffic flows due to new competing/alternate route or mode.

(b) to (c) As per the Concession Agreement of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) projects, there is a provision for assessing the Actual Traffic in comparison to the target traffic. If the actual traffic have fallen short of target traffic on target date, the Concession period is modified as per the conditions of Concession Agreement.

**Models adopted for construction of highways**

136. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that while the Ministry is largely implementing projects