

(d) the justification for the unexpected delays in completion of NHs and not constructing them according to prescribed standards in the State of Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) Construction of National Highways (NHs) is done as per standards/norms specified in Codes of Practice published by Indian Road Congress (IRC) and Specifications for Road and Bridge Works of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir.

(d) Delay in completion of NH projects in State of Jharkhand is due to delay in Land Acquisition and Forest Clearance and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Activities.

Status of proposed highways in Bihar

†2538. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposed highways in the State of Bihar and the quantum of financial allocation approved in this regard; and

(b) the Total length of such highways?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) There are 55 number of National Highways covering a length of 5301 km in the State of Bihar. The fund of ₹ 1769.07 Crores has been allocated for development of National Highways during current financial year 2019-2020 under various heads by the Ministry.

Deadline for mandatory payment of tolls at NHs

†2539. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has again extended the deadline for mandatory FASTag for the purpose of payment of tolls on National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.