NATIONAL HIGHWAYS UNDER THE BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA SCHEME

2814. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress in achieving targeted construction and upgradation of National Highways under the Bharatmala Pariyojana scheme, the details of the fund utilized and percentage of target achieved;

(b) the schemes sanctioned and implemented in Bihar under Bharatmala Pariyojana;

(c) whether the pace of highway construction has decreased this fiscal year, if so, the shortfall compared to targeted 40 km/day and the reasons therefor and steps taken by Government; and

(d) the employment generated through the construction works undertaken by the Ministry over the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Projects comprising length of 19,265 km have been awarded with cost of Rs. 5,60,216 crore, under the Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I. Till now, length of about 6,750 km has been completed.

(b) Projects comprising length of 612 km with cost of Rs. 13,720 crore have been awarded in the State of Bihar, under the Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I.

(c) Targets for the construction of National Highways are finalized on year to year basis. The Government has set a target of 12,000 km of National Highway for construction during the current financial year 2021-22 against which 5,118 Km has been constructed as on 30th November 2021.

To achieve the target for current financial year 2021-22, Government is closely monitoring various issues affecting completion of NH projects like land acquisition, encroachment removal, law & order issues, utility shifting, non-availability of soil/aggregate, environment/forest/wildlife clearances, ROB & RUB issues, contractual issues, etc. with all stakeholders including State Governments and other Central Ministries/Departments. Regular meetings with concerned State officials at local/district/state level are held on daily/weekly/monthly/quarterly basis, as per requirements based on the criticality of the issues. A comparison from last year is as under:

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(d) It is estimated that about 4,076 man-days or about 15.5 man-years of employment is required for construction of one kilometer of National Highway. Therefore, 14.2 crore man-days or 5.37 lakh man-years of employment are required for implementation of Bharatmala Pariyojana.

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