GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.246
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH JANUARY, 2018

CHAR DHAM HIGHWAY PROJECT

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Char Dham Highway Project in Uttarakhand will be completed in time;

(b)   if so, the details thereof; and

(c)   if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

 (a) to (c)   A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 246 FOR ANSWER ON 04.01.2018 ASKED BY PROF. K.V. THOMAS REGARDING CHAR DHAM HIGHWAY PROJECT

(a) to (c); Char Dham National Highway (NH) connectivity programme comprises projects of improvement/development of 889 km length of NHs leading to Yamunotri Dham, Gangotri Dham, Kedarnath Dham, Badrinath Dham and part of route leading to Kailash Mansarovar yatra at total project cost for Rs. 11,700 crore. This consists of 7 packages viz. Rishikesh to Rudra Prayag (NH-58), Rudra Prayag to Mana Village (NH-58), Rishikesh to Dharasu (NH-94), Dharasu to Gangotri (NH-108), Dharasu to Yamnotri (NH-94), Rudraprayag to Gaurikund (NH-109), Tanakpur to Pithoragarh (NH-125). These 7 packages are subdivided into 51 projects covering the entire length of Char Dham. Ministry has already sanctioned 24 projects of 395 Km length amounting to Rs. 4200 crore, out of which 22 projects involving 340 km length amounting to Rs. 3600 crore have been awarded. The balance 27 projects are targeted to be sanctioned by March'18. The pre-construction activities viz. Land acquisition, utility shifting, forest clearance etc. are in advance stage and likely to be completed by June'18 except the NH leading from Dharasu to Gangotri (in about 94 km length) which lies in Bhagirathi Eco Sensitive Zone and where change of land use is not permitted. Efforts are being made to complete the work in time. An expenditure of Rs. 535 crore has been incurred so far.

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