GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *255 ANSWERED ON 04TH JANUARY, 2018

DEVELOPING OF NEW EXPRESS HIGHWAYS AND ELEVATED ROADS

255. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN: SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any new initiatives for the development of new Express Highways and elevated roads for easing the traffic in major cities and strategically important cities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the list of such special projects initiated during the last three years along with their budget and current status;
- (c) whether the Government has adopted any comprehensive and innovative strategy by using safety and security gadgets and technological innovations to combat and address various road traffic problems including frequent fatal accidents occurring on National Highways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the total expenditure incurred thereon during the above period?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 255 ANSWERED ON 04TH JANUARY, 2018 ASKED BY SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN AND SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN REGARDING 'DEVELOPING OF NEW EXPRESS HIGHWAYS AND ELEVATED ROADS'

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): The details of the projects on which work has been initiated during the last three years along with their approximate cost estimates and current status are enclosed as Annexure-1.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) The details are enclosed in Annexure -2.

Details of some of the new initiatives for development of new Express Highways and elevated roads for easing the traffic in major cities and strategically important cities in the country

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Status	Project Cost Estimates (approx)				
Delhi	Delhi						
1.	Eastern Peripheral Expressway	Under execution	10,500 Cr				
2.	Western Peripheral Expressway	Under execution	Govt. of Haryana				
3.	Delhi – Meerut Expressway	Under execution	5,000 cr				
4.	Urban Extension Road (UER-2)	DPR stage	3,000 cr				
5.	Dwarka Expressway	Part stretches Under bidding + DPR Stage	7500 cr				
Rajasthan							
1.	Jaipur Ring Road (Part)	Project Awarded	1377 cr.				
Benga	aluru						
1.	Satellite Ring Road along with Hosur Ring Road	DPR Stage	5000 Cr				
Chennai							
1.	Nallur Flyway	DPR stage	1000 Cr				
2.	Tambaram-Chengalpattu	DPR stage	2000 Cr				
3.	Madhuravayol – Chennai Port	DPR stage	2000 Cr				
4.	Madhuravayol – Sri Perumbadur	DPR stage	1500 Cr				
Lucknow							
1.	Lucknow Ring Road	Under execution	1,000 cr				
Nagp	ur						
1.	Nagpur Ring Road	Under execution	1,300 cr				
Varanasi							
1.	Varanasi Ring Road	Under execution	1,500 cr				
Jammu							
1.	Jammu Ring Road	Bids received	1,739 cr				
Srina	gar						
1.	Srinagar Ring Road	Under Bidding	2,000 cr				

Details of comprehensive and innovative strategies for Road safety and security and technological innovations to combat and address various road traffic problems including frequent fatal accidents occurring on National Highways

- 1. Road Safety has been an area of concern with the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. As regards the accidents caused due to road engineering deficiencies, a total of 789 black spots have been identified, of which 189 have been rectified. Work has been awarded in respect of another 219 black spots and 206 black spots are planned to be rectified over a period of next two years. The road safety provisions include construction of bypasses, flyovers, vehicular underpasses (VUPs), which are being implemented to ensure enhancement of safety features.
- 2. Special focus is being laid on improving geometry of the roads with the intent of removal of unsafe turns and curves while taking up new road projects.
- 3. One of the Concessionaires has used Robots for traffic diversion signaling during the road construction/ maintenance works, leading to no accidents at construction sites. The feasibility of replication of this use of technology by other contractors is being explored.
- 4. Construction of elevated sections is being taken up in respect of National Highways which pass through the urban/inhabited areas in a number of cases. Details of the specific projects/ expenditure incurred thereon are being collected.
- 5. All the Concessionaires are mandated to make provision for recovery vans, cranes and ambulances stationed at various Toll Plazas in order to address the 'golden hour' rescue management operation in the event of accidents. The NHAI has now invited bids for 'Total Incident Management Services' in respect of two states of Rajasthan and UP as a pilot.
- 6. The use of effective technology solutions like ROMDAS & equivalent solutions have been introduced for monitoring the road conditions/ health of roads as part of the monitoring mechanism.
- 7. 100% of the lanes on 418 Toll Plazas managed by NHAI are being equipped with ETC systems, which is expected to be completed by 31.03.2018. Use of Fastags for efficient pass through the Toll Plazas is being enhanced. So far, more than 9.00 lakh Fastags have been issued.
- 8. Further, Information Technology (IT) enabled Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) is proposed to be implemented in the Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE). The use of ITS envisages the use of Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) along-with Automated Tolling, Electronic Toll Collection and Video Detection as well as incident management system. ITS is expected to play a significant role in reducing congestion project enabling seamless traffic flow and enhancing safety.