GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1037 ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2018

HIGHWAY CORRIDORS

1037. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to link the major highway corridors to international trade points;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out any study in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the bordering countries that are likely to be linked with major highways of the country;
- (e) the total expenditure involved along with the length of highways likely to be constructed to link major highway corridors to international trade points; and
- (f) the time by which the said works are likely to be completed?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (b) Yes, Madam. Bharatmala Pariyojana (BMP) includes development of 5300 km of Border and International Connectivity Roads to improve connectivity to border areas and boost trade with neighbouring countries. Around 2,000 km of roads are being taken up for connecting India's major highway corridor to International trade points so as to facilitate Export-Import (EXIM) trade with our neighbor countries in Phase-I of BMP.

- (c) The Ministry has carried out a study under the World Bank Technical Assistance program on Logistics Efficiency Enhancement Program (LEEP). The study has recommended development of Border & International Connectivity Roads for boosting trade with neighbouring countries along with development of infrastructure at Land Ports at the borders.
- (d) Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar are the countries that are likely to be linked with major Highways of the country.
- (e) to (f) ₹25,000 crore has been earmarked for the Border and International Connectivity Roads under BMP Phase-I. The same are to be constructed in a phased manner over a period of five years i.e. from 2017-18 to 2021-22.
