GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3318 ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2018

BHARATMALA PROJECT

3318. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bharatmala project has been implemented across the country by the Government;
- (b) if so, whether the participation of the private sector in this project will be challenging keeping in view the huge balance sheet arrears of a number of infrastructure companies;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out a detailed National Highway network to improve connectivity through Bharatmala project, if so, the details thereof
- (d) whether the State Governments have sent project proposals for construction of peripheral ring road under Bharatmala project, if so, the details thereof, Statewise;
- (e) the number of such projects pending for financial assistance and approval with the Government and action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to reduce the burden of traffic on busy roads?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) The Cabinet has approved the investment proposal for the programme Bharatmala Pariyojana (BMP) Phase-I on 24.10.2017. Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase I is based on detailed O-D(Origin-Destination) study, freight flow projections and verification of the identified infrastructure gaps through geo mapping, using data from Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG) and from other sources with the objectivity of improving connectivity throughout the country. Six components of

Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase -I are Economic Corridors, Inter corridors and Feeder Roads, National Corridors Efficiency Improvement, Border and International Connectivity Roads, Coastal and Port Connectivity Roads & Expressways. The projects under Bharatmala Pariyojana shall be implemented on Public Private Partnership (PPP) [Build Operate-Transfer(BOT-Toll), Hybrid Annuity] and Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) mode depending upon the financial viability of the projects.

(d) & (e) Under the Bharatmala Pariyojana it is proposed to develop Ring Roads around 28 major cities across the country.

(f) Government has increased through put on the identified economic corridors, National corridors, etc. by augmenting lane capacity of NH carriageway. This will help in reducing traffic congestion to a great extent.
