

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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INCREASING LOAD ON NHS

645. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that pressure on the highways is continuously increasing in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any special measures to tackle this increasing pressure;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any agreement has been signed with various technology industry groups for the maintenance of the highways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Although, NHs comprise only about 2.3 % of total road network, but they carry more than about 40% of the road traffic. The total length of NHs has been enhanced from about 91,287 km as on 31.03.2014 to about 1,31,326 km at present. Further, the Ministry has approved In-Principle declaration of about 53,031 km length of State roads as new NHs subject to outcome of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

The Ministry had taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non-Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors and Feeder Routes along with integration with Sagarmala,

etc., under Bharatmala Pariyojana. The programme envisages development of about 26,000 km length of Economic Corridors, which along with Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) and North-South and East-West (NS-EW) Corridors are expected to carry majority of the Freight Traffic on roads. Further, about 8,000 km of Inter Corridors and about 7,500 km of Feeder Routes have been identified for improving effectiveness of Economic Corridors, GQ and NS-EW Corridors. The programme envisages development of Ring Roads / bypasses and elevated corridors to decongest the traffic passing through cities and enhance logistic efficiency.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the proposal for investment approval for Phase-I of “Bharatmala Pariyojana” during its meeting held on 24.10.2017. “Bharatmala Pariyojana” Phase-I includes development of Economic corridors (9,000 km), Inter-corridor and feeder roads (6,000 km), National Corridors Efficiency improvements (5,000 km), Border and International connectivity roads (2,000 km), Coastal and port connectivity roads (2,000 km), Expressways (800 km) and balance length of about 10,000 km of roads under National Highways Development Project (NHDP). The programme is targeted for completion in 2021-2022.

The Ministry has taken up development of NHs/ roads under Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana (which has inter-alia subsumed NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads, Special Programme for Development of Roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, Externally Aided Projects (EAP), National Highways (Original) [NH (O)] scheme, etc.

(d) and (e) The Ministry encourages use of new materials and techniques in construction of National Highways and has so far allowed twenty two new materials/techniques to be used on National Highways.

The Ministry has not signed any agreement with any technology industry groups for the maintenance of the highways.
