GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:639 ANSWERED ON:09.12.2013 CONSTRUCTION WORK ON NH-I Singh Shri Ravneet

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

- (a) whether the pace of construction work on National Highway No. 1 in Punjab particularly between Shambhu and Amritsar is very slow thereby causing traffic congestion on this stretch;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action against the construction company for slow pace of construction work; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which construction of this NH is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) to (d) The stretch between Shambhu and Amritsar falls in the jurisdiction of two projects namely Panipat to Jalandhar and Jalandhar to Amritsar. The 6-laning work from Panipat to Jalandhar is standstill because of litigation raised by the Concessionaire on the issue of shifting of Toll Plazas and the matter is sub-judice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.. The 4-laning work from Jalandhar to Amritsar has been completed except for 20km stretch (Bidipur-Dhilwan). The 4-laning work for this 20km stretch has been awarded recently.