GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1314 ANSWERED ON:14.07.2009 DELHI-JAIPUR EXPRESSWAY Meena Shri Raghuvir Singh

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

- (a) whether the construction work on the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway has commenced;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy for maintenance of four lane roads being executed by the National Highways Authority of India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the National Highway No. 8 is not being maintained as per the prescribed standards;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a)&(b) Expressway facility from Delhi to Gurgaon is already in operation. A concession agreement for upgradation of Gurgaon-Jaipur section of NH-8 from existing four-lane to six-lane standard has already been signed during June, 2008, which will take care of the traffic volume for another 10-12 years. Presently, construction of a new expressway is not envisaged between Delhi and Jaipur.
- (c)&(d) To keep the existing roads in traffic worthy condition, maintenance is carried out by the Contractor / Concessionaire as part of their obligation under contract / concession agreement, wherever 4/6-laning works are under implementation under National Highways Development Project (NHDP).
- (e)to(g) Delhi-Gurgaon Section is being maintained by BOT Concessionare. Gurgaon-Jaipur Section has been taken up for 6-laning and is being maintained in traffic worthy condition by the concessionaire. All other stretches of NH-8 are also being maintained in traffic worthy condition.