GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1339 ANSWERED ON:03.03.2016 Highway Advisory Services Patil Shri Vijaysinh Mohite;Singh Shri Bharatendra;Sule Smt. Supriya Sadanand

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch Highway Advisory Services, a radio channel to give real time update of traffic movement on the highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has entered into a contract with All India Radio for a pilot project and proposes to have a single frequency dedicated channel across India on its expansion;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the Highway Advisory Services are expected to come in force across highways in India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b) Yes Madam. Highway Advisory Services is going to be launched shortly on a pilot basis on the stretch of NH8 between Delhi to Jaipur in three phases. In phase I existing AIR stations located at Delhi, Alwar and Jaipur are to broadcast the live traffic updates to commuters.

(c)&(d) Yes Madam. Contract has been signed with AIR to buy air-time for phase I of the pilot project in which 22 bulletins will be issued every day for three months. The bulletins are to include safety awareness content along with live traffic updates on NH8. Possibility of a single frequency for whole country is being examined subject to viability and other regulatory clearances.

(e) This pilot project will be launched very soon.
