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32 Road Projects of 760 kms in LWE Affected Areas in Jharkhand under Progress

03 Projects of Four-Laning under Implementation

Road Transport & Highways Min Informs Rajya Sabha MP Parimal Nathwani

April 26, 2013: At present 39 works of highways and bridges are in progress and five proposals are in pipeline in the State of Jharkhand. Dr. Tushar A. Chaudhary, the union minister of state for road transport and highways informed rajya sabha member Mr. Parimal Nathwani in response to a series of questions on the subject.

Dr. Chaudhary said that in order to give priority roads were indentified and sanctioned in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts under separate scheme. As many as 32 number of projects in a length of 760 kilometers were in progress under the scheme in Jharkhand, he added.

In reply to Mr. Nathwani's query about physical and financial targets set for the construction of highways and bridges for next three years in Jharkhand, the minister stated that targets were fixed for the current year only and not for next three years. He however informed that 78 kilometers length of national highways were constructed / converted to four-lane during last three years. He said there were three numbers of projects under implementation for four-laning in Jharkhand as on date, of which one project of four-laning of Hazaribaugh-Ranchi section of national highway No. 33 was delayed due to land acquisition. It was targeted to complete by July 2013, he added.

The minister stated that during last three years of 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13; Rs. 40 Crores, Rs. 115 Crores, and Rs. 200 Crores, respectively were allocated for construction of roads and highways in LWE affected areas. Of these, Rs. 39.96 Crore, Rs. 110.56 Crore and Rs. 190.08 Crore respectively were the expenditure against the allocation, he informed.

Further, if the figures of allocation and expenditure for the last three years as submitted in the minister's statement for construction of national highways and repair / maintenance of national highways are any indication, the tract-record of the State appear good and satisfactory.

