Traffic jams on NH-58 and NH-24

†2731. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- whether Government is aware of the fact that heavy traffic jams exist in Muradnagar and Modinagar between Ghaziabad and Meerut on National Highway No. 58 and also in Dasna near Ghaziabad and Mussoorie on National Highway No. 24;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- the locations that face traffic jams on the Delhi-Meerut stretch of National Highway No. 58 and Delhi-Garhmukteshwar stretch of National Highway No. 24;
- (d) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any measures for dealing with the problems of traffic jam on the above location; and
 - if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) There have been reports of traffic jams in Muradnagar and Modinagar between Ghaziabad and Meerut on National Highway (NH) No-58 as well as in Dasna and Mussoorie on NH-24.

(d) and (e) NH-58 from Delhi/Uttar Pradesh border to Meerut and NH-24 up to Hapur is envisaged to be widened.

Target for completion of under construction highways

2732, SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of highways under construction, till date;
- (b) whether Government has fixed any target for completion of the under construction highways for the current financial year; and
 - (c) if so, the details of the achievement made so far?

[†] Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) The construction of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process. The works of widening/strengthening of NHs are taken up depending upon the traffic density and inter-se priority of the works.

(b) and (c) The targeted and completed length under various schemes including Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East (SARDP-NE) and Left Wing Extremist (LWE) affected areas during the current year are as under:

Target : 6092 Km.

Achievement: 4489 Km.

(upto February, 2013)

Maintenance works of roads of Shimla District

2733. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would hand over the maintenance works of Theog-Rohru, Rampur-Rohru and Rohru-Dodra Kwar in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh to the Border Road Organisation as this area is near border;
- (b) whether Government would give top priority as these roads are very important for the security point of view and transportation of goods from one place to another place without any problems as these areas are hilly and geographically different;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the Country. The Theog-Rohru, Rampur-Rohru and Rohru-Dodra Kwar in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh are state roads under the jurisdiction of State Government.