

Upgradation of State Highway into National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

2702. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh for upgradation of 14 State Highways into National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details and the current status thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) Proposal for declaration of more than 11000 kms of State roads as National Highways have been received from State Government of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh and Ministry has declared about 2106 kms of roads as new NHs in the State of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year.

Cashless treatment of road accident victims

2703. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up a proposal for cashless treatment of victims of road accidents on the National Highways;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal;

(c) whether Government proposes to undertake a few pilot projects thereunder;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government for early implementation of the project across the country for the benefit of road accident victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) A pilot project for cashless treatment of road accident victims on the Gurgaon–Jaipur stretch of National Highway–8 was rolled out by the Minister of Road Transport and Highways on 29th July, 2013. The project envisages a toll free number 1099 to report accidents on the identified stretch; a 24 x 7 call centre; deployment of GPS-fitted ambulances for transportation of accident victims to the nearest hospital and cashless treatment for the first 48 hours or up to ₹ 30,000/-, whichever is reached earlier in case of treatment at an empanelled hospital.

(c) and (d) A proposal to launch two more pilot projects for cashless treatment of road accident victims on the following two stretches is in process: