

Connectivity to Amaravati

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Rayalaseema Region Districts are being connected to Amaravati through National Highways in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated/granted/released by the Government for completion of these National Highways during the last three years;

(d) whether the fund released by Government is sufficient for early completion of these NH Projects; and

(e) if not, the reaction of the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Presently, National Highway No. 544D having a length of 412.46 km. starting from Ananthapuramu, passing through Ananthapuramu and Karnool districts of Rayalaseema is connecting Guntur near Amaravati. One project of improvement from Giddalur to Venukonda section of this National Highway covering a length of 112.80 kms. at a cost of ₹ 678.69 crore has been taken up recently.

In addition to above, this Ministry agreed 'In-principle' to develop an access Controlled Green Field Expressway connecting the new capital city of Amravati to Ananthapuramu in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The alignment of the aforesaid road stretch having a length 384 km. with 100 m Right of Way to be developed initially as a 4-lane expressway with a provision for upgradation/expansion to 8 lanes in future depending upon the traffic requirement has been finalized in consultation with State Government which has agreed to transfer the Government land free of cost and bear 50% of the cost of the land to be acquired.

Economic Corridor roads in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

95. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY:

SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

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

(a) whether Government has identified any stretch of National Highways in State of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh to be developed as Economic Corridor roads and Coastal and Port connectivity roads;