

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Four-Laning of National Highway No. 8
in Gujarat**

2381. SHRI ARJUNBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether four-laning of the stretch from km. 357/0 to 381/6 of National Highway No. 8 in Valsad District of Gujarat which was included in Annual Plan of 1990-91 was subsequently dropped;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the proposal in view of high density of traffic on this stretch?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). The Annual Plan 1990-91 does not include 4-laning of the stretch from km. 357/0 to 381/6 of the National Highway No. 8 in Valsad District of Gujarat. Therefore, the question of dropping the proposal does not arise.

(c) This will depend on the size of the 8th Plan after it is finalised & inter-se-priority of this work.

**Assistance to Small and Marginal
Farmers**

2382. SHRI BALVANT MANVAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discontinued to provide 50 per cent Central Share from 1st April, 1990 to States under the

scheme "Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for increasing Agriculture production";

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to review the decision and restore the scheme for programmes like minor irrigation, new wells and community irrigation works; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d). The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production was launched in 1983-84 and was implemented upto the end of 7th Five Year Plan covering a period of seven years. Hence Government has transferred this scheme to State sector for implementation from 1st April, 1990.

However, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for construction of Shallow Tubewells/Dugwells has been continued and is being implemented in selected districts/blocks in the States identified for Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP).

Infiltration from Pakistan and Bangladesh

2383. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infiltrators from Pakistan and Bangladesh who have taken shelter in India, especially in West Bengal, Gujarat and Rajasthan; and

(b) how such persons are identified?