

(b) whether Government have taken adequate measures to ensure the safety to their employees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). During the last three months 31 security personnel were killed in Jammu & Kashmir, Number of the other Government employees killed have not been intimated separately, however, according to available information, 369 persons were killed by militants upto 31.7.1990 in Jammu and Kashmir.

2. The Government have taken various measures to ensure the safety of its employees which include beefing-up of the intelligence set-up, deployment of more security forces at sensitive places and providing escort to the buses employed to carry government employees.

[English]

#### Control of Kayra Variety of Pests

2446. SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pest surveillance service is being provided by Central plant protection networks;

(b) whether 'Kayra variety of pests damage rabi crops, mainly gram in Tal areas of Bihar;

(c) whether Government propose to intensify measure of controlling this variety of pests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

#### Widening of Nagpur-Raipur Section of National Highway No. 6

2447. DR. KHUSHAL PARASHRAM BOPCHE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to widen the Nagpur-Raipur section of National Highway No. 6 due to sharp increase in traffic between Nagpur and Deori during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been prepared in this regards; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to make fresh proposal after conducting necessary survey?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) to (c). There is a proposal to widen the National Highway No. 6 to four lanes between Durg and Raipur due to increase in traffic. A provision for this has been made in the Annual Programme for 1990-91 and preliminary proposal is under preparation by the Madhya Pradesh P.W.D. However, there is no proposal to widen the Nagpur-Deori section in Maharashtra, which is two lane wide and is considered adequate for present-day traffic.