

(b) the amount spent on the repair of Pune-Bombay section of the highway during the same period; and

(c) the proposals and allocations for development of the National Highway during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) Rs. 1382.26 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 327.88 lakhs.

(c) An allocation of Rs. 948.98 lakhs has been made in the Annual Programme 1990-91 for development of Bombay-Agra National Highway in respect of 43 proposals including 21 ongoing works. Similarly, an allocation of Rs. 368.70 lakhs exists in the current Annual Programme for Pune-Bombay National Highway covering 22 proposals including 8 ongoing proposals.

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Greater Bombay

2560. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new connections given in Greater Bombay during the last three years;

(b) the number of consumers on the waiting list for telephone connections in Great Bombay; and

(c) the plans to provide telephones to those who are on the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The number of new connections given in Greater Bombay

during the last three years is given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>New connections provided (Gross)</i>
1987-88	50894
1988-89	58927
1989-90	658994

(b) The number of applicants on waiting list for telephones in Greater Bombay as on 31.7.90 is 1,84,370.

(c) It is proposed to clear all pending applications as on 31.7.90 progressively by the end of 8th Five year Plan by commissioning of additional exchange capacity.

Construction of Buildings by Telecom Department in Himachal Pradesh

2561. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by his Ministry on taking on rent houses in Himachal Pradesh for their official use; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct new buildings for this purpose in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA):

(TELECOM)

(a) The rent paid for the buildings by Telecom. Department in Himachal Pradesh during 1990-90.

(i) On Administrative Buildings Rs. 98,224.00.