

Four-laning of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

2674. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no four-lane traffic facility on National Highways passing through Andhra Pradesh as is provided in the neighbouring State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to provide four-lane traffic facility on National Highways in Andhra Pradesh during 1990-91; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) A short length of 9 kms of NH. 9 in Andhra Pradesh is already four-lane. In addition, a length of 40.6 kms. from Anakapally to Vishakhapatnam on NH. 5 has been approved for four-laning in August, 1989. Besides this, Survey and Investigation for four-laning of Chilakaluripet-Guntur-Vijayawada (length 82.95 kms) is in an advanced stage and seven more estimates for Survey and Investigation for four-laning in different sections of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh have also been sanctioned.

(b) and (c). four-laning of Chilakaluripet-Guntur-Vijayawada (length 82.95 kms) is proposed for inclusion in the programme for 1990-91.

Navigability of Ganga Between Allahabad and Calcutta

2675. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pilot Project for making

the river Ganga navigable from Allahabad to Calcutta has been completed; and

(b) if not, the progress thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The Pilot Project to identify measures required for introduction of regular navigation is confined to the Allahabad -Patna stretch of the river Ganga. The Pilot Project works have been completed in June, 1989.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Central Government Employees Killed in Kashmir Valley

2676. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government employees killed in Kashmir valley during the last three months;

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

(c) if so, details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Upgradation of State Highways as National Highways in Tamil Nadu

2677. SHRI A. ASHOKARAJ: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: