

headed by Shri Lovraj Kumar for improving the financial health of the shipyard are under consideration of the Government. These include revision of pricing formula, restructuring of capital base by converting loan into equity, grant of moratorium on payment of interest/repayment of past loans etc.

Amount Allocated to Karnataka out of Central Road Fund

2699 SHRI S.T. PATIL Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Road Fund has been augmented.

(b) if so, the amount allocated to Karnataka therefrom for the year 1989-90, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN) (a) to (c) Because of constraint of resources, additional funds under the augmented Central Road Fund are yet to be provided

However, a sum of Rs. 6.024 lakhs has been allocated to the Karnataka during the year 1989-90 against the sanctioned schemes.

Rate of Road Accidents

2700 SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rate of road accidents in India is highest in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the cost, the country has to bear every year as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. According to the World Road Statistics 1987 brought out by International Road Federation, Washington, rate of road accidents per 1000 vehicles for the year 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 has been as follows —