

Export of Gold Jewellery

*257 SHRIMATI GEETAMUKHERJEE:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of gold jewellery has come to a standstill for the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Bank of India has failed to supply sufficient gold to the exporters because of lack of resources to procure gold following the security scam;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. In fact the export of gold jewellery from April to June 1992 was higher than the corresponding period last year.

(c) and (d). State Bank of India have reported that for some time due to problems associated in conversion of imported gold by the Mint, there was some disruption in supply. The insufficiency of supply of gold was not due to lack of resources with the State Bank of India.

(e) State Bank of India have now been permitted to import gold of 0.995 fineness also and supply it directly to the gold jewellery exporters. Additionally, Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited have also been notified as an agency to supply gold to the jewellery exporters in the domestic tariff area.

National Highways

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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the roads/State Highways which are proposed to be declared as National Highways during the Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the details of roads proposed to be declared as National Highways during 1992-93 and

(c) the details of the proposals for construction of bridges on National Highways during the year 1992-93 as well during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). Various State Governments have sent a total of 135 proposal aggregating to approx. 37,566 Kms for declaration as new National Highways during the 8th Five Year Plan. In order to examine the proposals in detail with respect to the laid down criteria, the State Governments were requested to send information about each proposal in the prescribed proforma bringing out the complete details/justification etc. This information is still awaited from a number of States. There is also paucity of funds. As such, it is too early to indicate decision about new National Highways in the 8th Plan including the year 1992-93.

(c) Proposals for sanction of 141 bridges on different National Highways are included in the Annual Programme for 1992-93. Details of bridges estimated to cost Rs. 500 lakhs and above are given in the list attached.

Proposals for construction of bridges on National highways during the year 1992-93.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated cost of the work (Rs. in lakhs)
1	3	3
	<i>Delhi</i>	
1.	Widening of Nizamuddin Bridge on NH 24	3000.00
	<i>Goa</i>	
2.	Strengthening of Zuari bridge	600.00
	<i>Gujarat</i>	
3.	Construction of additional lane bridge across Narmada river near Zadeshwar including approaches between km 19/0 -198/0 on NH - 8.	4000.00
	<i>Himachal Pradesh</i>	
4	Construction of bridge over Chakki khad on NH - 20	2000.00
	<i>Karnataka</i>	
5.	Construction of new bridge across river Sharavathi on NH 17 including approaches	2000.00
6.	Rehabilitation of existing bridge across Sharavathi river on NH-17	500.00
	<i>Kerala</i>	

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated cost of the work (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
7.	Varpauzha bridge at km. 431-432 on NH-17	2220.00
8.	Arapuzha bridge on Calicut Bypass on NH-17	600.00
9.	Akulam bridge on Trivandrum Bypass on NH- <i>Madhya Pradesh</i>	600.00
10.	Seonath bridge in km. 318/8 on NH-6 <i>Maharashtra</i>	500.00
11.	Bassein Creek bridge in km.497/0 NH-8 <i>Punjab</i>	1800.00
12.	Sirsia Nadi in Km.56 on NH-21 <i>Rajasthan</i>	790.00
13.	Kali Sindh Bridge In km. 346 of NH-12 <i>Uttar Pradesh</i>	900.00
14.	Yamuna Bridge at Naini at Allahabad on NH -27	9000.00