PROF. PREM DHUMAL: 420?

[English]

Mr. SPEAKER: Do not be afraid of the number.

[Translation]

shri Dau Dayal Joshi: In 1991 only 20 applications out of 457 applications were recommended for registration. In Bihar 134 persons had applied out of which 88 persons got the registration. I would like to submit that after seeing these data you must have felt that the performance of some of the States is very good, but why the pace of work in his own State is very slow? What does he propose to do for prompt registration of newspapers there? It may please be explained.

[English]

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Sir. streamlining the procedures and expediting is a continuous process. We shall keep on expediting and improve on our performance.

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: One of the reasons that the Minister has given for delay is that sometimes the queries are not replied for over ten years. I would like to point out to the Minister that the cause of delay is also because the questions are asked in instalments. Would the Minister be pleased to look into it and assure us that all the queries are asked in one installment and not one after another?

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: That is the procedure. We will still look into it and see if it can be streamlined.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

*262. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for repair and maintenance of National Highways during 1992-93, Statewise:

- (b) the length of National Highways running through each State with length covering Ghat section and areas of heavy precipitation. Statewise
- (c) whether allocation is made keeping in view the weather conditions:
- (d) if so, the extent to which provisions are made for Ghat sections and areas with heavy precipitation: and
- (e) the original work done on National Highway No. 17 during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Statement-I showing the allocation for maintenance and repairs of National Highways during 1992-93 state-wise is attached.

- (b) Statement-II showing the length of National Highways through each State including that section and area of heavy precipitation is attached.
 - (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The maintenance norms for National Highways provide premium of 15—30% over the average normal maintenance cost (ordinary repairs and periodic renewals) for roads in hilly areas and 15—20% over the average normal maintenance cost for roads in high rainfall areas (above 1500 mm annual rainfall).
- (e) 45 original works estimated to cost Rs. 31.52 crores have been sanctioned on NH 17 during the last three years.

Statement-1

Allocation for Maintenance and Repairs of National Highways During 1992-93

Sl. State/U.T. No.	Total (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Andhra Pradesh	1249.44
2. Arunachal Pradesh	35.41
3. Assam	1039.62
4. Bihar	1072.66
5. Chandigarh	15.48
6. Delhi	171.80

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Sl. State/U.T. No.	Total (Rs. in lakhs)
7. Goa	208.20
8. Gujarat	881.37
9. Haryana	380.83
10. Himachal Pradesh	529.55
11. Jammu & Kashmir	143.39
12. Karnataka	1105.85
13. Kerala	587.82
14. Madhya Pradesh	1213.25
15. Maharashtra	1506.67
16. Manipur	73.32
17. Meghalaya	170.27
Nagaland	3.50
19. Orissa	738.52
20. Pondicherry	5.78
21. Punjab	638.97
22. Rajasthan	1141.02
23. Tamil nadu	1134.69
24. Uttar Pradesh	1394.96
25. West Bengal	1071.51
26. BRDB	353.00
Total	: 16867.00

Statement-II

Length of National Highways in various States covering Ghat section and areas of heavy precipitation

Total

National

S. Name of

No. State/UTs	length (km.)	Highway Nos. with part section passing through Ghat sections and having areas of heavy precipitation
1	2	3
l. Andhra Pradesh	2888	Nil
2. Arunachal Pradesh	330	52. 52A
3. Assam 4. Bihar	2296 2117	36, 37, 53, 54, 2, 6, 23, 31, 32, 33

1	2	3
5. Chandigarh	24	Nil
6. Delhi	72	Nil
7. Goa	229.	4A, 17
8. Gujarat	1631	Nil
9. Haryana	698	Nil
Himachal	854	20, 21, 22
Pradesh		
11. Jammu &	648	Nil
Kashmir		
12. Karnataka	1996	4A, 48
13. Kerala	940	17, 47, 49.
14. Madhya	2946	7.16,26,27.43
Pradesh		
15. Maharashtra	2918	3, 4, 8, 17
16. Manipur	431	39. 53
17. Meghalaya	472	40, 44, 51
18. Mizoram	551	54. 54A, 54B
19. Nagaland	113	39
20. Orissa	1649	5,6,23,42,43
21. Pondicherry	23	Nil
22. Punjab	892	Nil
23. Rajasthan	2931	Nil
24. Sikkim	62	31A
25. Tamil Nadu	1896	Nil
26. Tripura	200	Nil
27. Uttar Pradesh	2613	Nil
28. West	1638	31. 31A. 55
Bengal		
Total:	34.058	

TV TRANSMITTER CENTRES

*266. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up new low/high power T. V. transmitter centres in the country during the Eighth Plan period:
 - (b) if so, the amount allocated therefor:
- (c) whether the Government have selected the sites for setting up of these centres: and
 - (d) If so, the details thereof, state wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.