

(b) whether the Government have obtained the document;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government have taken up this matter with other countries; and

(e) if so, the broad details thereof and their response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (e): Government have seen the paper entitled "The Kashmir Connection" prepared by the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, of the House Republican Research Committee, US House of Representatives. The paper documents and explores Pakistan's role in international terrorism and its profound ramifications for the Central Asian region in general and India in particular. The paper briefly summarizes the military/terrorist dimension of the conflict in Kashmir. It goes on to document the advanced training imparted to militants from India, 'Afghan' mujahideen and Arab volunteers in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir following the completion of which they are sent into Kashmir and lists some of the advanced weaponry provided to them. This non-official report concludes that the fighting in Kashmir will escalate significantly and terrorism will expand into the rest of India.

Government have consistently maintained that Pakistan's support to terrorism and subversion directed against India is continuing unabated. Pakistan has been training militants, providing them with arms and financial support and actively assisting them and 'Afghan' mujahideen mercenaries to infiltrate across the LOC into J&K.

Government have continuously apprised other countries of the unabated support in terms of arms, equipment and training by Pakistan to terrorists in India and the dangers inherent in support to such cross-border terrorism. There is growing international concern at the support terrorists receive from Pakistan. Government remain committed to take all necessary steps to safeguard India's territorial unity and integrity.

[Translation]

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

* 103. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :
DR. P.R. GANGWAR :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways that are presently undergoing four-laning in the country;

(b) the details of National Highways to be four-laned by the end of the Eighth Plan, their total length and the expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the resulting decrease in the CVD and PCU traffic load on the remaining two-lane section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Various stretches of National Highway Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 8A, 8C, 45 & 47 totalling to 870 km are at present under construction in the country.

(b) A length of 657 km of NHs at an estimated cost of Rs. 1031 crores is planned for four-laning during the Eighth Plan period

However, actual expenditure will depend upon the availability of funds and progress achieved.

(c) About 40 to 50 percent.

[English]

Visit of U.S. Energy Secretary

* 104. SHRI LAETA UMBREY :
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the power projects in India in which American power companies are participating indicating the approximate investments made by them;

(b) the details of the problems faced, if any, by the US investors in executing these projects;

(c) whether a high level delegation led by US Secretary of Energy, visited the country recently;

(d) if so, the broad details of the discus-

sion held between the visiting delegation and Ministers and senior officials in regard to the US investment in power sector in India; and

(e) the outcome of the visit of the US delegation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) : Statement—I is enclosed.

(b) The investors in the course of developing the projects have to interact with a number of agencies for getting various clearances and in arranging finances, since power is a highly capital intensive industry. The Investment Promotion Cell in the Ministry of Power acts as a nodal agency to facilitate the process in case the investors face any problem.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) wide ranging discussions to promote cooperation in the energy sector were held during the recent visit to India of the U.S. Energy Secretary. Consequent upon discussions the documents mentioned in the attached statement-II were signed.