

(e) if not, when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). The then Minister of Textiles had suggested the setting up of a Committee with the following members to look into the activities of National Handloom Development Corporation and suggest measures for improvement of its working:-

1. Shri Misri Lal Yadav, Village Pachadhi, Block Keot Distt. Darbhanga, Bihar.
2. Shri Baleshwar Yadav, Ex-MP, Padrouna, Uttar Pradesh.
3. Prof. Bhag Singh Arya, Village Kheri Materwa, P.O. Kaul, Distt. Kaithan, Har- yana.
4. Shri Pragada Kotiah, M.P. (Rajya Sabha), 171, North Avenue, New Delhi.
5. Shri Kasim Ali Abid, Ex-MP, 1, Talka- troa Road, New Delhi.

Formal orders regarding formation of the said Committee were however, not issued as the election process was on,

(c) to (e). Does not arise.

Maintenance of Roads in Delhi

6028. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the roads in Delhi have not been able to withstand the rigour and pressure of rain water and their condition has worsened during the rainy season;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Govern- ment to maintain the roads in traffic worthy condition;

(c) when were these roads re-layed ore repaired last and how much expenditure was incurred thereon;

(d) the period of life of the roads in Delhi;

(e) the reasons for poor quality laying of roads; and

(f) the steps taken to get the roads repaired/relayed at the cost of the contrac- tors.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Constitutionally this Ministry is respon- sible for development and maintenance of National Highway only. All other roads are essentially the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories concerned. Public roads in Delhi are maintained by the Delhi Administration, New Delhi Municipal Committee, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Cantonment Board. As reported by these Agencies, due to recent continuous rains, some of the roads had developed minor pot holes and other defect at a few places. Action has been/is being taken by the concerned agencies to repair the pot holes and damaged road surface temporar- ily. However the roads by and large are in traffic worthy condition.

(c) and (d). The period of life is approxi- mately 5 years. All the roads are not simulta- neously taken up for re-surfacing. Re-sur- facing is normally done after a period of 5 years and repair work as and when required. During 1990-91 New Delhi Municipal Com- mittee spent Rs. 80 lakhs, Delhi Administra- tion Rs. 865.29 lakhs (excluding National Highways), Delhi Cantonment Board nil and Municipal Corporation of Delhi Rs.657.33 lakhs.

(e) and (f). There are no specific in- stances or poor quality laying of roads.

Damages to road surface occur due to heavy traffic density, mostly in congested areas. Repairs if any, during the guarantee period are done by the concerned contractor.

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6029. **PROF. K.V. THOMAS:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the losses/profits of the major sea ports in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken to improve the working capacity of these ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The losses/profits of the major ports are measured in terms of operating surplus/deficit and net surplus/deficit. The operating surplus/deficit is arrived at by deducting operating expenditure from operating income while net surplus/deficit is arrived at after taking into account the Finance and Miscellaneous income, Finance and Miscellaneous expenditure and transfer from/to various Reserves. A statement giving the figures of operating surplus/deficit and net surplus/deficit of the major ports for the year 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 is attached.

(b) A number of steps such as replacement/modernisation of equipments, augmentation of berths and improvement of infrastructure facilities are being taken.