(b) The Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Nhava-Sheva) was commissioned on 26.5.1989. During 1988-89, there were no commercial operations. The Port has generated an operating income of Rs. 23.00 crores and incurred an operating expenditure of Rs. 25.10 crores during the period July 1989 to March 1990. These figures are provisional.

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## Declaration of Ahmedabad-Indore Road as National Highway

4593 SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to declare Ahmedabad-Godhra-Indore road as National Highway:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether important ports are connected with National highway system; and
- (d) if so, whether Government propose to connect Vadinar Port (Kandla Terminal-II) with National Highway system?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-TIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) All Major Ports are on the National Highway network.
  - (d) No, Sir, as it is not a major port.

## Construction of Missing Link on National Highway No. 23 in Orissa

Written Answers

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4594. SHRIBHAJAMAN BEHERA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government have sanctioned a project for the construction of 40 km. missing link from 15.84 to 54.58.on National Highway No. 23 in Dhenkanal District of Orissa: and
- (b) if so, funds so far spent and target fixed for the completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-TIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). Land acquisition estimates for construction of this missing link besides eleven estimates for roads/bridges works on different stretches in this section amounting to Rs. 200.85 lakhs have been sanctioned and expenditure of Rs. 199.40 lakhs has been incurred till February, 1990. Further, there is provision of Rs. 175.00 lakhs in the Annual Plan 1990-91 for earth work, cross-drainage works and providing road crust in this section. It is too early to indicate the target for the completion of these works.

## Construction of a Road between Calcutta and Madras Parallel to National Highway No. 5

4595. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: