

system of opening of LCs, monitoring the utilisation of funds, etc.

Recruitment in National Saving Organisation

4950. SHRI RAM VILLAS PASWAN: will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of the national Savings Organisation have been gradually declining;

(b) whether fresh recruitment in the Organisation is being continued despite decline in its activities; and

(c) if so, the justification for continuing recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIS SINGH): (a) The activities of the National Saving Organisation (NSO) for popularising small savings schemes continued during 1991-92 as in the previous years.

(b) and (c). Government has decided to restructure the NSO in order to make it more effective. In view of this, while direct recruitment has been suspended, posts in the NSO falling under the promotion quota are being filled up at various levels excepting the district Saving Officers.

Satellite port at Ennore

4951. SHRI D. PANDIAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the development of satellite port at Ennore in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether an expert committee has recommended for a bigger port than that was

contemplated earlier;

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

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HJAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A Pre-PIB (public Investment Board) meeting for the proposal has been held in the Ministry on 16.3.92.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise

(d) It will take about 5 years for completion of the project from the date of Sanction

[Translation]

Conversion of National Highway No. 2 to Expressway

4952. SHRI CHHEDIPASWAN: Will the MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring the National Highway No. 2 passing through Varanasi, Dehari, Onsona, Barhi under 'National Express System' ;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to accord priority to Varanasi-Dehari-Onsona-Barhi segment in view of the heavy traffic on this highway; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). National Highway No. 2 including Varanasi-Dehari-Onsona-barhi Section is one of the