

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan had requested the Union Government to make additional allocations and also to increase the allocation to the State under Central Road Fund during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to release of funds in accordance with Revised Resolution augmenting the Central Road Fund adopted by Parliament on 13.5.1988. Since actual augmentation of the Fund in accordance with Resolution adopted by the Parliament has not taken place so far, it has not been possible to release additional funds to various States including Rajasthan so far. Meanwhile funds as due are being released to the States as per old Resolution governing the Central Road Fund.

[*Translation*]

Maintenance of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh

4722. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have sent any proposal to the Union Government for the maintenance of the National Highways passing through the State, considering the average breadth of the roads as 25 metre; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Abstract

particulars for annual maintenance and repairs of all existing National Highways in Madhya Pradesh have been received from the State Government for the year 1992-93. These particulars are for maintenance of actual widths of the National Highways and not for any average width.

(b) The abstract estimates are under scrutiny and final decision will depend upon the necessity of works and availability of funds.

[*English*]

Study by Exim Bank to step up Trade with East European Countries

4723. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study has been conducted by the Export-Import Bank of India to suggest remedial measures to step up trade with East European countries and newly formed States of the former Soviet Union;

(b) if so, the details thereon; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The study has, inter alia, suggested the need to undertake country profile-cum-market research studies identifying products for trade and thrust areas for joint venture collaborations, setting up of trade and representative offices in East European countries, giving importance to warehousing in the promotion of trade, and making direct investment in the East European countries.

(c) The study has not been sponsored