

Repair of National Highways and Bridges in Karnataka

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WARI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified National Highways and bridges falling off NHs in Karnataka which are not in motorable condition and need immediate repair and renovation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to repair these National Highways and bridges; and

(d) the funds provided for these purposes during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). All National Highways passing through Karnataka are generally in traffic worthy condition. However, the existing bridge across Sharavathi river on NH. 17 near Honnavar has shown some distress, which is under investigations for preparation of suitable repair plan.

(c) Maintenance and repairs of National Highways including restoration of flood damages is a continuing process and is carried out annually depending upon the availability of resources.

(d) Funds allotted for maintenance including Flood Damage Repairs and Special Repairs during the last three years are given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Funds Allotted for Maintenance & Repairs</i>
1989-90	Rs. 671.79 lakhs
1990-91	Rs. 742.83 lakhs
1991-92	Rs. 990.02 lakhs

Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium

4275. SHRI CHIRANJILAL SHARMA :
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium, as an autonomous corporate entity funded by RBI, NABARD and IDBI;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far; and

(c) the objects and composition of the above consortium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Planning Commission has done the preparatory work to set up the Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC).

A Steering Committee comprising, among others, Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Chairman, National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development, Chairman,