

**Rishikesh-Badrinath road**

8317. MAJ.GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHADRA KHANDURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the poor condition of the Rishikesh-Badrinath road due to landslides during rainy season;

(b) the amount of expenditure incurred on the repairs of the road during late three financial years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to declare this road as a National Highway keeping in view its strategic and tourists importance;

(d) if so, the time by which decision is likely to be taken in this regard and if not, the constraints therefor; and

(e) whether the Government propose to widen the road for the safety of passengers, if so, the amount allocated for the purpose during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):

(a) Land slides do occur like any other hill road but the road conditions normally remain satisfactory during the rainy seasons

(b) The details are given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount spent (Rs. in crores)</i>
1990-91	1.30
1991-92	1.70
1992-93	1.30

(c) and (d). The road in question has not been recommended by the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for its declaration as a new National Highway during the 8th Plan. Besides, the Ministry of Surface Transport have also advised that due to meagre allocation of funds, it is very difficult to consider declaration of any new National Highway.

(e) Yes, Sir. A sum of about Rs. 3.70 crores has been allocated during 93-94

**World bank Assistance for water Supply Schemes**

8318. SHRI HARDHAN ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the World Bank assistance provided for water supply scheme in different cities during the last three years. State-wise:

(b) whether the Union Government have received any request for World Bank assistance for water supply scheme in West Bengal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCE (SHRI P. K. THUGON):

(a) A list of cities/towns for which World Bank assistance has been provided for water supply and other amenities during the last 3 years is enclosed as statement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.