Widening of National Highways in M.P.

4600. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) names of the National Highways and inter-state roads in Madhya Pradesh in respect of which work relating to their widening/double lanes and four lanes has been started during each of the last three years;

(b) the extent to which the work has been completed so far;

(c) the total expenditure incurred so far, including the Central assistance proposed to be given to the State for the inter-state roads;

(d) whether the work is behind the schedule; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). National Highways where widening works have been started are given below yearwise:--

Year	National Highway Nos.
1990-91	National Highway Nos. 7, 12, 16, 25 and 26,
1991-92	National Highway No. 12.
1992-93	National Highway No. 12.

Three works on National Highway No. 12 were completed by September, 1993. No widening work pertaining to roads under Economic & inter-state Importance Scheme have been approved during the years 1990-91 to 1992-93.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 1222.80 lakhs upto September, 1993 has been reported by State Public Works Department on National Highway works.

(d) and (e). Seven works on different National Highways are behind the schedule.

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Power Generation

4601. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) power production cost per unit in various States through Hydro, Thermal and Nuclear Power stations;

(b) the power production cost in U.K., U.S.A., Germany, Saudi Arabia, China, Italy and Belgium; and

(c) whether the Government propose to reduce the cost of power generation in the country by allowing duty free import of power plants and supply of fuel oils at international prices to the Industrial Units having captive power generation sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A *Statement* showing the average cost of generation during 1991-92 for thermal and hydro power in various States is enclosed. The selling price to the State Electricity Boards from Nuclear Power Stations, subject to fuel and heavy water adjustment charges is as under:-

Station		Rate (Ps/kwh)	Effective Date
1.	Tarapur Atomic Power Station	57.00	1.12.1992
2.	Rajasthan Atomic Power Station	60.80	June, 1992
3.	Madras Atomic Power Station	75.04	June, 1992
4.	Narora Atomic Power Station	140.96	1.2.1992

(b) Information for the corresponding period is not available. (c) At present, there is no proposal to allow duty free import of power plants under consideration of the Government.

STATEMENT

SI. No.	SEBs	Thermal Ps/Kwh.	Hydro Ps/Kwh.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	69.46	10.35
2.	Bihar	150.67	32.92
3.	Gujarat	89.69	28.20
4.	Haryana	116.05	12.43
5.	Himachal Pradesh	N.A.	, N.A.
6.	Karnataka	N.A.	24.05
7.	Kerala	0.00	7.80
. 8.	Madhya Pradesh	67.47	18.68
9.	Maharashtra	69.81	16.04

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SI. No.	SEBs	Thermal Ps/Kwh.	Hydro Ps/Kwh.
10.	Orissa	N.A.	N.A.
11.	Punjab	86.32	16.37
12.	Rajasthan	109.34	N.A.
13.	Tamil Nadu	91.42	20.51
14.	Uttar Pradesh	82.81	31.39
15.	West Bengal	81.80	69.23
16.	Meghalaya	N.A.	24.82
17. 	Assam	190.08	N.A.
	Total SEBs	82.84	16.74

[Translation]

LPTs Converted into HPTs

4602. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have converted Low Power Television Transmitters into High Power?

(b) if so, the details of the LPTs converted into HPTs during the last two years;

(c) whether the target of conversion of LPTs into HPTs has been achieved; and THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During the last two years, High Power TV transmitters (HPTs) have been set up in replacement of the Low Power TV Transmitters (LPTs) at seven locations viz. Tirupati, Bhuj, Dharwad, Jagadalpur, Jabalpur, Bundi and Bareilly in the country.

(c) and (d). Whereas, schemes for upgradation of LPTs into HPTs are at various stages of implementation at 12 locations, 36 more LPTs are envisagd to be upgraded into HPTs subject to availability of necessary infrastructural facilities, adequate resources and formal approval of the schemes by the competent authority.

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(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

4603. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAU-RYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION