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[Translation]

Persons of Indian Origin

Private Sector in Transportation

764. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: DR. ASIM BALA: SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

 (a) whether there is any proposal to involve private sector in the construction and maintenance of national highways and the bridges thereon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some foreign companies have made offers in this regard; and

(d) if so, the names of such companies and the details of the agreement signed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to involve private sector in funding, construction and operation of fee based facilities such as bypasses, bridges and expressways.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

765. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

 (a) whether the Government have conducted/propose to conduct any survey on the conditions of persons of Indian origin in foreign countries including Myanmar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government keeps itself informed on an on-going basis about the welfare of the overseas Indian community in foreign countries including Myanmar. Persons of Indian origin with foreign nationality are however primarily the responsibility of the foreign Government concerned.

[English]

Calcutta Telephone Directory

766. DR. CHITTA BASU: SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: SHRI ANIL BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone subscribers of Calcutta have not been