

(a) whether Government propose to start any new scheme for paying compensation to road accident victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposed scheme provides for payment of compensation to the victims of road accidents involving motor vehicles on a pre-determined formula, based on the age/income of the victims. This requires amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act.

(c) The Bill containing various proposals, including provisions of the new scheme, for amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act is proposed to be introduced in the current Session of the Parliament.

#### **Development of Wayside Amenities**

787. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any sites have been identified on National Highways in Gujarat for the establishment of wayside amenities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two sites have been identified for wayside amenities on National Highways in Gujarat. These are Vapi and Dabhor on NH 8.

#### **Kayamkulam Thermal Power Plant**

788. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAM CHANDRAN:

SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN:

SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign private firm has proposed to set up Kayamkulam Thermal Power Plant as a joint venture with National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Union Government have sought finance for this project from the organisation for economic co-operation and funding of Japan or any other foreign financial institution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) M/s ICMC power Consortium Inc. USA had discussions with the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) regarding implementation of the project at NTPC project site in Kayamkulam, Kerala. The Consortium have confirmed their firm commitment to implement the project at NTPC's project site. It has been agreed to between NTPC and Consortium that NTPC would provide exclusively for implementation of the project by them for a period of one year. During this period, the Consortium have agreed to carry out the specific task as per their discussions with

NTPC. The Government of Kerala has been requested to consider signing of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between Kerala State Electricity Board and the promoters of the project.

(c) and (d) The project has been previously posed to the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) for financial assistance. Their acceptance is awaited.

**Dereservation of Flour spar/Flurite in Vadodara (Gujarat)**

789. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:  
SHRI HARIN PATHAK:  
SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:  
SHRI S. N. VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with the Government for dere-serving the Flour spar/Flurite bearing areas in Vadodara district of Gujarat;

(b) if so, since when this proposal has been pending; and

(c) the reasons for delay and when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government have asked for some clarifications on the proposal from the Government of Gujarat, and this information is awaited.

[*Translation*]

**Rice Mills in Uttar Pradesh**

790. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:  
DR. P. R. GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up rice mills in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof; and

(c) the total amount proposed to be spent on these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Construction of Port on Western Coast**

791. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need of an alternative port for Bombay on the Western Coast;

(b) if so, whether any of the existing mini ports are suitable for it; and