

Development of National Highway 49

2060. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far with regard to the construction works being undertaken on National Highway 49;

(b) the time by which these works are likely to be completed; and

(c) the funds earmarked during 1994-95 for development of National Highway 49 from Cochin to Muvattupuzha, Muvattupuzha to Neriya Mangalam, Neriya Mangalam to Munnar and from Munnar to Madurai respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Out of 23 works at various stages of progress on NH 49, eleven works are likely to be completed during 1994-95 and the remaining 12 works during 1995-96 subject to availability of funds.

(c) Funds are allocated to the State for the National Highways as a whole and not work-wise. During 1994-95, a sum of Rs. 48 crore has been allocated for development of National Highways passing through Kerala and Tamil Nadu including National Highway No. 49.

Postal Advisory Committee in Maharashtra

2061. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Postal Advisory Committee has been set up in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details of its composition and terms of reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

STD/ISD PCOs In Delhi

2062. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited in Delhi for allotment of PCOs with I.S.D and S.T.D. facilities during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the number of persons out of them provided with this facility, the number of applications rejected and pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the remaining applications are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 961 and 700 applications were received by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited for allotment of PCOs with ISD facilities during 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively.

(b) Out of the total 1661 applicants, 393 applicants have been provided with STD/ISD PCOs. 474 applications have been rejected and 794 applications are pending.

Most of the above pending cases are held up due to completion of documents by