

in the organised and unorganised sector information regarding average growth in Food processing sector, yearwise and is not maintained centrally.

(b) The Ministry does not extend any financial assistance besides the Plan Scheme allocation.

(c) Does not arise.

Branch Post Offices in Assam

2200 SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of branch post offices proposed to be opened in Assam during 1993-94; and

(b) the details of such post offices opened so far in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b). 26 Branch Post Offices were opened in Assam during 1993-94 against the target of 25.

The list showing the places where these post offices are opened is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Highways in Maharashtra

2201. SHRI ANNA JOSHI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated and released to Maharashtra for construction, repairs and maintenance of National Highways in the State during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount spent by the State Government; and

(c) the amount allocated to the State for 1994-95; head-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The amount allocated and released to Maharashtra for construction, repairs and maintenance of National Highways in the State during the last three years is as under :-

Year	Construction (Allotment)	(Rs. in lakhs)	Maintenance and Repairs Amount released)
1991-92	3358.00		1620.90
1992-93	3280.00		1506.67
1993-94	3080.00		1815.54

(b) The amount spent as reported by the State is as under :-

Year	Construction (Allotment)	(Rs. in lakhs)	Maintenance and Repairs (Amount released)
1991-92	3386.23		1929.47
1992-93	3510.75		1051.02
1993-94	5217.52		2125.56