

Maintenance of national Highways in A.P.

1684. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the National Highways in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the Central financial assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh for maintenance of National Highways during 1993-94 and proposed to be provided during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 2888 kms.

(b) Funds provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh for maintenance and repairs of National Highways during 1993-94 were Rs. 1716.42 lakhs. During 1994-95, a sum of Rs. 1597.22 lakhs has been released so far. Further release of funds during the year will depend upon the requirements of the State and availability of funds.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for NMEP

1685. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has provided assistance to the Government of Andhra Pradesh under National Malaria Eradication Programme; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) A proposal seeking World Bank assistance for intensification of malaria control activities in the tribal areas of seven states including Andhra Pradesh is under formulation.

Inclusion of BMRDA to MTNL Bombay

1686. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand for inclusion of BMRDA areas in the jurisdiction of MTNL, Bombay is pending with the Government;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to consider and study the above demand and to implement it as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view on (a) above.

(c) The proposal was examined. It was found not feasible to include the Area under the jurisdiction of MTNL, Bombay.

[Translation]

Kanhar SETU

1687. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) The amount demanded for the construction of Kanhar Setu (district-Sonbhadra) from Central Road Fund and the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Govt. of India is constitutionally responsible for development and maintenance of roads declared as National Highways. The proposed bridge over river Kanhar falls on a State Road. As such its construction essentially vests with the State Government. This bridge has not been approved under the Central Road Fund.

[English]

Bombay-Pune Highway

1688. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to widen the Bombay-Pune Highway into 4-lane;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposal from Maharashtra Government for grant of fund for laying State Highways with asphalt; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Annual Plan 1994-95 and the Demand for Grants 1994-95 there is provision for widening of Bombay-Pune road to 4-lanes in 62 km. in stretches between Pune and Bombay.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Development and maintenance of State Highways is primarily the responsibility of the State Government.

[Translation]

Telephones dues against Ex-MPs/Ex-Ministers

1689. SHRI MOHAN SINGH (FEROZEPUR) Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 98 on July 25, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the information regarding telephone dues against Ex-Minister Ex-M.Ps. has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b): No, Sir.

(c) The information is still awaited from some units who are being regularly pursued.