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#### Pak Prime Minister's Statement on Kashmir

1264. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to Mrs. Benazir Bhutto's recent address to the nation in which she has, inter alia, expressed her resolve to give whole hearted support to Kashmiri Muslims in their struggle for right of self-determination; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The tone of Pakistan Prime Minister's address to the nation on 28 June, 1996 was at variance with the letter of felicitations sent by her to our Prime Minister at his assumption of office. In his reply to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, our Prime Minister suggested the resumption of the Foreign Secretary level dialogue. We await Pakistan's response to our Prime Minister's letter to the Pakistani Prime Minister.

#### Closure of Jammu-Srinagar Highway

1265. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days Jammu-Srinagar Highway remained closed for traffic during 1995 and from January to June 1996 with main reasons therefor;

(b) the expenditure incurred on repair works on the Jammu-Srinagar highway during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(c) whether the conditions of the highway is getting deteriorated and the steps being taken to make the highway motorable?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The Jammu-Srinagar highway remained closed for 41 days during 1995 and 9 days during January, 1996 to June, 1996 due to heavy rainfall and snowfall.

(b) The expenditure incurred on repairs works, on the Jammu-Srinagar highway, during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 was Rs. 413 lakhs, Rs. 511 lakhs and Rs. 516 lakhs respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

Eventhough the existing availability of funds for improvement/maintenance is quite meagre, yet persistent efforts are on to maintain the highway in motorable condition.

[Translation]

#### Central Government Health Scheme

1266. SHRI BHIM PRASAD DAHAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries are having their own laboratories for blood/sputum/stool/urin testing;

(b) is not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have any scheme to provide the said facility in all the dispensaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the above said facilities are likely to be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). It is not feasible to provide laboratory facilities in each dispensary due to financial constraints. However, all CGHS dispensaries have been covered for laboratory facilities by attaching two/three of the nearest dispensaries to the dispensaries which have the laboratory facilities.

[English]

#### Implementation of Major Projects

1267. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of villagers have been ousted from their native villages as a result of the implementation of major projects like Subarnarekha Multipurpose project and the Koel-Karo Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of people affected by Subernrekha Multipurpose Project and Koel Karo Project is given below :

I. Subernrekha Multipurpose Project		
1.	Chandil Dam (Bihar)	37596 No.
2.	Icha Dam	
	(i) Bihar Portion	126160 No.
	(ii) Orissa Portion	9653 No.
3.	Haladia Dam	1629 No.
4.	Jambhira Dam	6672 No.
5.	Baura Dam	5474 No.
II.	Koel Karo Project	22359 No.