

(b) The approved outlays for port sector year-wise in various Annual Plans is as under :-

Year	Annual Plan approved outlay (Rs. in crores)
1992-93	612.76
1993-94	621.54
1994-95	475.00
1995-96	814.13
1996-97	631.60

Gandhian Institute of Studies at Varanasi

2832. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision was taken to strengthen the Gandhian Institute of Studies at Varanasi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). Gandhian Institute of Studies (GIS), Varanasi, is one of 27 grantee Institutes of the India Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). It requested for an endowment fund and special grants for strengthening the faulty, construction of staff quarters, faculty rooms, seminar rooms etc. The Plan and Non-Plan grants to the Institute during 1995-96 were Rs.3.32 lakhs and Rs.17.20 lakhs respectively as against Rs.1.40 lakhs and Rs. 12.85 lakhs in the preceding year. The budgets of the Research Institutes, including that of Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi are finalised by the Council keeping in view the overall sanctioned budget of ICSSR.

The Council has appointed a Review Committee to assess the performance of GIS with a view to determining its needs during the IX Plan period.

N.H. Delhi-Amritsar

2833. SHRI DARBARA SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision for four laning of the National Highway from Delhi to Amritsar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The position of 4-

laning of NH 1 Delhi-Amritsar National Highway is as under :-

S. Section of NH No.	Progress/Target date of Completion
1. Delhi-Murthal (km.0 to 50 km)	Already 4-lane.
2. Murthal to Samalkha (km.50 to 74.80)	Nearing completion.
3. Samalkha to Karnal (Km.74.8 to 130)	The contract has been terminated on 3rd May. 1996. State PWD is taking action to complete to the balance work.
4. Karnal to Sirhind (km.132 to 252)	In progress. Likely to be completed by 3/99.
5. Sirhind to Jalnadhar (km.252 to 372)	Recently completed.
6. Jalandhar to Amritsar (km. 32 to 452)	Not being considered for 4-laning at present.

[Translation]

Repair of N.H. in U.P.

2834. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh is very bad, particularly on Allahabad to Azamgarh section;

(b) if so, the details; thereof and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to repairs, the National Highways in U.P.?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) All the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh are being maintained in traffic-worthy condition within available funds. Highway from Allahabad to Azamgarh is a State Highway and, therefore, the responsibility for development and maintenance thereof lies with the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

National Women Fund

2835. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked for the 'National Women Fund' in the years 1995-96;

(b) whether the entire amount has been made available to the needy women;