

[English]

Declaration of National Highway in Assam

949. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for opening another National Highway to run between a point on the Imphal-Tameng-long Road and a point in Assam without touching Nagaland area so as to reduce the pressure of traffic on Imphal-Dimapur National Highway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Refuelling Facilities to Military Aircrafts of Foreign Countries

950. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
DR. CHINTA MOHAN:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of military aircrafts of foreign countries which were provided refuelling facilities in the country during the last six months;

(b) the places from where these facilities were provided;

(c) whether Government have ascertained the quantity of fuel given to these

aircraft at various airports during the above period;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any clarification was sought by India's permanent representative in United Nations from the U.N. Secretary-General regarding the provisions of the U.N. Charter under which permission to refuel can be sought;

(f) whether the Government propose to stop the refuelling facilities and use of India's air space by foreign military aircraft; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (g). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Director of Telephones for Sikkim

951. SHRI NANDU THAPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Director of Telephones for Sikkim has been created; and

(b) if so, when the office of the Director of Telephones will start functioning in Sikkim?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir. The post of Telecom. District Manager for Sikkim has been sanctioned.

(b) The office of Telecom. District Manager in Sikkim is expected to start functioning soon.