

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

#### **Setting up L.T.I. Unit in Bihar**

977. DR. SHAILENDRA NATH SHRI-VASTAVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an unit of Indian Telephone Industries in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

#### **Sanitary Facilities in Rural Areas**

978. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JAN-ARDHANAN:  
SHRI TARIF SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made any survey in regard to sanitary facilities available to the rural population at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of rural population proposed to be covered with sanitary facilities during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). The Central Government has not made any specific survey in regard to sanitary facilities available to the rural population at the end of the 7th Five Year Plan. However, on the basis of the progress reports received from States/UTs about 3% of rural population had been provided sanitation facilities by the end of the 7th Plan. The coverage in the State of Tamil Nadu with sanitary latrines was 16.15%.

(c) The percentage of rural population to be covered in the 8th Five Year Plan will depend on the resources for the Plan period which have not been finalised by the Planning Commission. On present indications about additional 5% of rural population will be covered with such facilities during the 8th Five Year Plan.

#### **Four Lanning of Ahmedabad-Rajkot National Highway**

979. SHRI G.M. THAKORE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from Gujarat for four lanning of the Ahmedabad-Rajkot National-Highway; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provided fourlane traffic facility on the above National Highway during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). The Government of Gujarat have proposed 4-lanning of Ahmedabad-Rajkot road for length of 272 Km. on National Highways 8 A and 8 B at an estimated cost of Rs. 98.20 crores. However, as the 8th

Five-Year Plan has not yet been finalised by the Planning Commission, it is too early to indicate inclusion of this particular scheme in the 8th Plan.

**Financial Assistance to Milma Milk Co-operative Society, Kerala**

980. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given to Milma Milk Co-operative Society, Kerala;

(b) the amount proposed to be given during 1991-92; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to expand and improve the milk industry sector in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) has provided the following financial assistance to the Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (KCMMF) during the last three years for dairy development under Operation Flood-III and Swiss assisted project in North Kerala:

Year	(Rs. in lakhs)
1	2
1987-88	176.09
1988-89	320.34
1989-90	208.35
1990-91 (up to January, 1991)	113.33

(b) Depending upon the progress, financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 10.17 crores is proposed to be given to KCMMF during the year 1991-92 for dairy development.

(c) Milk Industry sector (Dairying) in Kerala is being developed through expansion of existing dairy/milk chilling plants, and cattle feed plant, establishment of new dairy plants/milk chilling plants under Operation Flood-III and the Swiss-assisted project in North Kerala.

[Translation]

**Inclusion of Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Bombay National Highway Into National Expressway System**

981. SHRIGIRDHARILAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Bombay National Highway No. 8 has been included in the National Expressway System;

(b) whether Government propose to give first priority to Jaipur-Ajmer National No. 8 in the National Expressway System; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c). Only Ahmedabad-Vadodara Section of National Highway 8 has been included in the National Expressway System. Further, a study to identify potential Expressway network to be developed in the country is in progress. Inclusion of further segments in the National Expressway network will depend upon availability of resources and inter-se priorities within the VIII Plan which is not yet finalised.