in some shortfall of HSD availability for the transport sector. No fresh cuts have been imposed on the transport or any other sector in the wake of Gulf War. These measures have been introduced prior to the War which began in mid January, 1991.

Recovery of Repatriation cost from Gulf Evacuees

1003. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTER-NAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has since been taken regarding the recovery of repatriation cost incurred by the Government in bringing Indians from Gulf countries after the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait; and

(b) if so, the amount recovered so far from evacuees and the number of them from whom this amount has been recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KA-MAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) So far, in isolated cases, where the repatriates volunteered to pay the expenditure incurred by Government, such payments were accepted.

Release of Water by Karnataka to Tamil Nadu

1004. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: SHRI M. SELVARASU:

Will the Minister of WATER RE-SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received requests for making arrangements for supply of water from Karnataka water reservoirs to save crops in the Cauvery delta in Tamil Nadu; (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTA-DIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Tamil Nadu had requested the Centre to use its good offices to persuade Karnataka Government to release at least 20 TMC water.

(c) The issue was taken up with Government of Karnataka to arrange releases.

Construction of Falzabad Byepass

1005. SHRI MITRASEN YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of Faizabad byepass; and

(b) the total allocations made and the expenditure incurred on it so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTA-DIA): (a) Earth work and culverts along the byepass have been completed.

(b) The total allocation made so far is Rs. 157.81 lakhs, against which an expenditure of Rs. 138.91 lakhs has been insured uptill 31.3.1990.

Toll Charges on Vehicles Passing Through Haryana

1006. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: