

(b) to (d). The Delhi Traffic Police has drawn up a contingency plan which envisages synchronised traffic, optimum utilisation of road space and regulation of traffic at inter-sections with the help of computer technology in the NDMC area; and development of footpaths for use by cyclists and pedestrians; improvement of arterial and subarterial roads; and development of service roads all over the city.

[*Translation*]

Bungling in Cement Nigam

1153. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDEL-
WAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Cement Nigam Mein Cronon Ke Ghotale Ki Janch Karaiye Jayegi' appearing in "Punjab Kesri" dated January 17, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of enquiry conducted in this regard;

(c) the details of action being taken in the matter; and

(d) if no action is being taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Certain allegation petitions have been received in the matter. The CMD has been asked to furnish comments on the issues to facilitate further action in the matter.

[*English*]

Price of Cement

1155. SHRI ANAND SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether on January 4, 1991, in a meeting, Cement producers were requested to cut down the Cement prices;

(b) if so, the response and reaction of the industry in this regard; and

(c) further steps being taken by the Government to contain and cut the Cement prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b). No such meeting was held on 4th January, 1991.

(c) It is the continuous endeavour of the Government to maximise cement production and ensure its availability to the consumers at reasonable prices. Government is closely monitoring the availability of coal, wagons and other infrastructural support to the cement industry and remedial action is taken, wherever necessary.

Schemes for increasing the installed capacity of cement are being liberally approved. State Governments have been advised to keep a close watch on the dealers so that they do not indulge in profiteering at retail level. In order to contain demand and reduce the pressure on prices, Central Government Department/Central Public Sector Undertakings have been advised to decrease their annual purchase of cement by 15%.

Silchar-Imphal National Highway

1156. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: