

has submitted any proposal for allocation of funds for construction of a highway from Alleppey to Muvattupuzha in Kerala to link National Highway No. 49 with National Highway No. 47;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the scheme relating to development of road link from Alleppy Port to Cohin-Madurai Road (National Highway) at Muvattupuzha touching Sherthallai-Thannermukkom-Vaikom-Kaduthuruthy. This scheme was sponsored by the State Government of Kerala under their Central Road Fund Programme for 8th Plan period at an estimated cost of Rs. 797.00 lakhs. However, since actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited has not yet taken place, it has not been possible to process the scheme for approval.

[*Translation*]

Financial Assistance by NABARD for Rural Electrification in Gujarat

1400. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development for rural electrification in Gujarat during the Seventh Plan period, district-wise;

(b) the amount spent so far; and

(c) the details of the proposals for rural

electrification in Gujarat during the Eighth Plan which have been under consideration of the NABARD, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The Special Project Agriculture (SPA) is a programme of Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) to provide finance to State Electricity Board (SEBs) to draw transmission lines and other infrastructure support for pumpsets energisation in rural areas. The Programme is financed by REC, Commercial Banks and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development. (NABARD) by providing financial support to SEBs in the State. District-wise allocation is done by the SEBs. The amount allocated by NABARD under the Programme during the 7th Plan from 1987-88 to 1989-90 and the achievements made in Gujarat is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Achievement</i>
1985-86	*	704
1986-87	*	1143
1987-88	500	918
1988-89	494	592
1989-90	578	381

* (No separate allocation for REC/SPA programme was made as the same was clubbed with allocation made under Minor Irrigation).

(c). NABARD have reported that they have not worked out allocations for individual States for the VIII Plan period.