

under the TOT programmes is of a specialised nature and efforts are made to cover as many officers possible depending on the nature of training and the expertise required.

Funds for Kerala from Central Road Fund

2716. SHRI KODIKUNIL SURESH: Will the minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have given special assistance to Kerala from the Central Road Fund for the reconstruction and maintenance of roads during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the total amount released during the above period; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGADISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Keeping in view the likely free balance of Central Road Fund (CRF) accruals ending March, 1995 as per old resolution, two of the ten schemes received from the Government of Kerala have been approved. An amount of Rs.210.00 lakhs has been released to the State Government during the last three Years.

Survey of GSI for Copper

2717. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to

state:

(a) whether the Government have made any country-wide survey to find out the copper deposits;

(b) if so, the details of the areas surveyed by the Geological Survey of India and other organisations of the Government;

(c) the copper deposits found in those areas; and

(d) the action prepared to exploit the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes sir.

(b) and (c). Geological Survey of India has carried out surveys for copper in various parts of the country. Details of the State-wise and area-wise reserves of copper in the country are given in the attached statement.

(d) Economically viable copper deposits are being mined by:

- (i) Hindustan copper Ltd. (HCL) in Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;
- (ii) Hutti Gold Mines Limited in Karnataka;
- (iii) Sikkim Mining Corporation in Sikkim and
- (iv) Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation in Gujarat.