

**Diversification of National Highway
Passing Through the Centre of Nag-
pur City**

3622. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the National Highway which is passing through the centre of the Nagpur city in Maharashtra wherein hundreds of people are killed every year due to accidents ;

(b) whether Government propose to divert the National Highway from the centre of the Nagpur city to outside by constructing a ring road ;

(c) if so, when such a outer ring road is proposed to be constructed ; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. However no separate statistics is maintained for accidents on National Highways.

(b) to (d) Maharashtra Government has started the construction of ring road around Nagpur city and sent a proposal for sharing the cost of this ring road between the Central Government, State Government and local authorities. Technical feasibility and other details for this proposal are under examination in consultation with the State Government.

Packet Meals Served in Trains

3623. SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that the packet meals (newly introduced which are supplied by the dining car in the trains are in a poor quality and also very cold ;

(b) whether he is also aware that the passengers are facing much difficulty in taking the meals in which all items were mixed in one packet ; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps are proposed to be taken in the above case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) To serve hot/tasty food to passengers in hygienic conditions, a revised menu in disposable aluminium casseroles has been introduced in some selected Mail/Express trains. An analysis of the opinion poll conducted to ascertain the reaction of the travelling public shows that the new service has been appreciated by an overwhelming majority.

Mental Hospitals During Seventh Plan

3624. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to open some more Mental Hospitals during the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Government does not have any proposal at present to open more Mental Hospitals during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Vayudoot Service Linking Mangalore and Calicut

3625. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government would consider starting a Vayudoot service linking Mangalore and Calicut which has got a private air-strip at Cheleri, Calicut as an interim arrangement ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Vayudoot has plans to airlink Mangalore and Calicut on route Bombay-Mangalore-Calicut-Mangalore-Bombay during the year 1986 subject to availability of in-