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11. Modern. of Rajasamand		
Irrgn.	25.4.86	do
Famil Nadu		
1. Parambikulam Aliyar Ayacut		
exten. (Consolidated)	5.2.86	—do—
2. Modern. of Periyar Vagai St. II	5.12.85	do
3. Modern. of Cauvery Delta		
(Phase-I)	8/85	—do—
4. Anaimaduvu Res. Scheme	15.7.82	do
ttar Pradesh		
1. Bewar Feeder Project	Nov. '84	do
2. Suheli	Feb. '79	TAC note submitted to Planning Commission.
3. Madhotande	Oct. '81	—do—
4. Khatima	Jan. '82	do

In addition to above 118 major and 67 medium schemes are under correspondence with the States for replies/compliance of CWC comments/TAC observations.

Modern technique of constructing roads of international standard

541. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS-PORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that modern technique of constructing roads of international standard is not available with us; and
- (b) if it is available, the reasons for which durable, strong and better roads and bridges are not built?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). No, Sir, It is however not possible to switch over to modern techniques of road/bridge construction on account of our preference for

labour oriented policy, lack of infrastructure with the contracting agency and availability of adequate resources.

Collapse of Mandovi bridge in Goa

- 542. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS-PORT be pleased to state:
- (a) the reasons for collapse of the Mandovi bridge in Goa;
- (b) whether responsibility, if any, has been fixed; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). A Commission of Enquiry has been constituted by Government of Goa, Daman & Diu under

the Commission of Enquiries Act. The Commission would inquire into the reasons for collapse and also the question of lapses, if any, for fixing responsibility. The Commission is scheduled to submit its report on or before 28-2-1987.

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Reservation for SC/STs in Navodaya Schools

- 543. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there will be reservation for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in Navodaya Schools; and
- (b) if so, the percentage and other details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reservation of seats in favour of children belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will be provided in the Navodaya Vidyalayas in proportion to their population in the concerned district, provided that in no district such reservation will be less than national average. If sufficient number of children of one of these two categories do not qualify for admission, it would be possible to interchange seats between the two categories.

National Highway Authority

- the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the proposal to set up a National Highway Authority for the construction and maintenance of National Highways has since been finalised; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Loss to railways due to floods

- 545. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount of loss suffered by the Railways due to recent floods in the country; and
- (b) the details in this regard and steps taken to meet the loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The Railways suffered a loss of approximately Rs. 17.46 crores due to recent floods in the country. The loss includes the loss of iraffic earnings as also physical loss such as damage/repairs to bridges, track, signalling and electrical equipments and other assets etc. Prompt action to repair the sections damaged by the floods was taken to restore the traffic.

Vayudoot services for Orista

- 546. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce Vayudoot services in Orissa; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Vayudoot is, at present, operating services to Bhubaneshwar and Rourkela in the State of Orissa. Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations Vayudoot has plans to airlink Jeypore, Jharsuguda and Gopalpur during the current financial year.