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8. Festival of France in India (Phase.I)

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[Translation]

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Connecting of Villages with Metalled Road**

3022. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages having a population of 1500 and more and Headquarters of village Panchayats are not linked with the metalled road;

(b) the state-wise details of the amount spent during the Seventh Five Year Plan in this regard;

(c) whether Union Government propose to link these villages with the metalled Roads by providing more funds in 1989-90 ; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) Yes

(b) Separate information about funds spent during the Seventh Five Year Plan, on connection of villages with population over 1500 by metalled road is not maintained in this Ministry. However, details of amount spent under Minimum Needs programme by the Various states is given in the Statement below:

(c) and (d). No specific programme has been made for the above purpose However under MNP, every year funds are earmarked for the construction of these roads and the villages get linked with all wheather roads.

**STATEMENT**

Sl.No.	States/U.Ts	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	15.85
3.	Assam	25.80
4.	Bihar	115.67
5.	Goa	0.51

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6.	Gujarat	17.49
7.	Haryana	0.15
8.	Himachal Pradesh	32.15
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	25.43
10.	Karnataka	31.39
11.	Kerala	39.73
12.	Madhya Pradesh	47.90
13.	Maharashtra	24.58
14.	Manipur	7.91
15.	Meghalaya	4.56
16.	Mizoram	12.31
17.	Nagaland	1.40
18.	Orissa	28.50
19.	Punjab	0.41
20.	Rajasthan	27.85
21.	Sikkim	7.94
22.	Tamil Nadu	23.52
23.	Tripura	15.14
24.	Uttar Pradesh	359.83
25.	West Bengal	20.80
26.	A & N Island	3.98
27.	Chandigarh	—
28.	D & N Haveli	0.39

1	2	3
29.	Delhi	—
30.	Daman & Diu	*
31.	Lakshdweep	0.30
32.	Pondicherry	1.11
Total		904.60

\*Included in Goa.

[English]

### Shortage of Brass and Copper

3023. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices of copper and brass have gone up recently effecting the small scale units particularly in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortage of brass and copper;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of copper and brass in the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to import copper and brass to meet the indigenous demand so that small scale industrial units may not suffer?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no serious shortage of copper in the form of cathodes, wirebars or of brass. However, there is a marginal short-

fall in the availability of copper wire rods.

(c) Brass, an alloy of copper and zinc, can generally be produced by the manufacturers of copper and copper alloy products. The following steps are being taken for increasing the indigenous production of its constituent metals i.e. copper and zinc:-

(a) Debottlenecking and modernisation of the smelters and refineries of Hindustan Copper Ltd (HCL) for achieving the optimal capacity utilisation.

(b) Setting up of a continuous cast copper wire rod plant of 80,000 tonnes per annum capacity by HCL.

(c) Setting up of an integrated mining and smelting complex in Rajasthan by Hindustan Zinc Ltd., which will produce 70,000 tonnes of zinc per annum.

(d) Since the indigenous production of copper and zinc is only able to meet the country's demands partly, the balance requirement of the metals is met through imports. Besides, copper scrap, brass scrap and zinc scrap, are permitted for import under OGL.