

Implementation of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

3296. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have given instructions to various State Governments to associate concerned MPs and the local MLAs in the State Level Coordination Committees for monitoring and supervision in executing the schemes under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARIY): (a) to (c). In the guidelines of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), it has been prescribed that the monitoring of the programme at the State level will be the responsibility of the State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) for the rural development programmes. The SLCC is essentially a Committee of officers. It also provides that the State Government may include non-officials also whose presence they deem necessary in the meetings. It is for the States, therefore, to decide regarding association of MPs and MLAs with monitoring and supervision of JRY.

Encroachments of National Highways Nos 8 and 8A

3297. DR. DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether encroachments been made on National Highway No.8 near Chotila and on National Highway No. 8A near Wankaner;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such encroachments; and

(c) the action being taken to remove such encroachments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Five encroachments of Kutcha structures have been observed on National Highway No. 8 A near Chotila between Km 169/0- 170/0 and eighteen encroachments near Wankner Km. 207/0- 208/0, NH-8A in Gujarat State.

(c) The State P.W.D. of Gujarat has initiated steps with a view to remove the encroachments in question.

Improvement and Maintenance of National Highways

3298. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highway in the country;

(b) whether the National Highways have been divided into various Zones;

(c) whether there is any proposal to divide them into smaller sectors for easy and proper maintenance and improvement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps being taken for the proper maintenance of National Highways in the country for smooth and fast running of transport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) 33, 612 kms.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.