

Funds for National Highways in West Bengal

468. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released for the development/repair/construction of National Highways in West Bengal during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) the total amount asked by the West Bengal Government for the same purpose during the last three years; year-wise; and

(c) the total amount asked by the West Bengal Government and how much amount is sanctioned by the Central Government for the same purpose for the year 1980-81 and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) Keeping in view the available resources and requirements of the country as a whole, a sum of Rs. 500 lakhs has been allocated provisionally for National Highway (Original) Works in West Bengal during 1980-81 subject to approval by the Parliament against a sum of Rs. 654.51 lakhs demanded by the State Govt. which also includes *inter alia* some requirement for works yet to be sanctioned.

Funds for maintenance and repairs are released for various components e.g., Ordinary Repairs, Renewals, Flood Damage Repairs, Special Repairs, etc., on the basis of demands received from States from time to time, keeping in view the available resources *vis-a-vis* the requirements of the country as a whole. So far a sum of Rs. 81 lakhs has been released for Maintenance of National Highways in West Bengal in 1980-81. Further amounts would be released on the basis of requirements which the State Government may project from time to time for various components and their admissibility.

Statement

Year	National Highway (Original) Works			Maintenance & Repairs of National Highways	
	Provision made in Budget Estimates initially	Amount demanded by the State Govt. (Final re- quirements)	Amount allocated by the Central Govt. on the basis of admissi- bility & pace of expenditure	Amount demanded by the State Govt. (final require- ments)	Amount allocated by the Central Govt. on the basis of admissi- bility & pace of expenditure
	(Rs. in lakhs)				
1977-78	450.00	516.00	503.00	273.22	156.16
1978-79	502.00	410.00	410.00	310.64	231.95
1979-80	539.00	450.67	400.00	342.10	213.16