

TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH)): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In January, 1980.

(c) and (d) The proposals are under active consideration of Government.

Maintenance of National Highways

1395. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms followed for allotment of funds to the States for maintenance of National Highways; and

(b) the total amount allotted to each state for maintenance of National Highways during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) Several factors such as length and width of National Highways, traffic intensity, geographic/climatic environmental conditions, price situation for materials, labour wages etc. in different States and overall availability of funds govern the allotment of funds to the States for maintenance of National Highway.

(b) A statement giving the required information is attached.

STATEMENT

FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Sl. No.	State	Allotment during the year		
		1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
		(Rs. in lakhs)		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	197 75	286 20	277 26
2.	Assam	180 02	244 9 2	175 61
3.	Bihar	300 27	247 54	247 28
4.	Chandigarh	1 60	1 41	2 00
5.	Delhi	3 31	60 64	42 36
6.	Goa	12 60	14 10	17 76
7.	Gujarat	135 04	181 21	277 99
8.	Haryana	98 63	72 84	70 00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	74 24	70 19	83 67
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	16 94	24 99	45 34
11.	Kernataka	129 44	136 55	136 17
12.	Kerala	*73 31	85 55	103 50
13.	Madhya Pradesh	139 04	161 87	181 17
14.	Maharashtra	210 16	226 11	259 82
15.	Manipur	30 85	37 07	22 24
16.	Meghalaya	24 51	18 20	21 30

1	2	3	4
17. Nagaland		0.03	1.00 2.43
18. Orissa		94.65	104.43 132.80
19. Punjab		63.93	58.09 84.22
20. Rajashtan		174.13	176.48 173.77
21. Tamil Nadu		163.45	160.64 137.75
22. Uttar Pradesh		182.94	247.02 262.65
23. West Bengal		156.16	231.95 213.16
24. B.R.D.B. (for N.H. 39 and 44 in Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura).		21.03	21.96 20.85
25. Maintenance of Ferry Vessels at Pandu in Assam		11.70	14.04 28.90

* includes Rs. 9.01 lakhs released to Port Trust Cochin for maintenance of road link in Willingdon Islands.

Criteria for Undertaking Survey

1396. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for taking up new
Railway routes, for survey or for con-
sidering conversion of metre or narrow
gauge lines into broad gauge and
ordering their survey;

(b) how many surveys are at hand
and what are their particulars; and

(c) how many have been completed
during the last three years and how
many are to be taken up during the
next year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MALLIKARJUN): (a) Construction of
a new railway line or extension of an
existing railway line is to be taken
after a detailed survey and investiga-
tions, when it is established that a
railway line will provide the best,
cheapest and most economical mode of
transport to meet the needs of the area.
Construction of railway lines would be
justified in areas which have:

- (i) Mineral deposits which cannot be
exploited without the develop-
ment of railway transport; or
 - (ii) Have the raw materials and
potential for major industries
like, steel, cement, fertilisers, oil
refineries etc., which offer sub-
stantial traffic; or
 - (iii) Where a very large number of
passengers have to be moved as
in the case of suburban lines in
the Metro-politan areas and
other thickly populated areas; or
 - (iv) When an existing line has be-
come saturated and the new line
will provide an alternative route
at the same time opening up a
new area and construction of
railway lines which are consi-
dered essential on strategic
considerations.
- (b) The following surveys are in
progress:—

1. Lalitpur-Sangrauli BG line.
2. Konch-Jalaun BG line.
3. Budge Budge-Namkhana BG
line.
4. Ranchi Road to Giridih BG line.