

(b) whether the manufacturing of the said car shall be in public sector; and

(c) if so, the terms and conditions laid down for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Government is not aware of any plan for setting up any unit by a Japanese automobile Co. for manufacture of such a car.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Demand and Supply of Cement in Assam

329. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the consumption and production of cement in Assam during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken to bridge the gap between demand and supply of cement in the State?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) On the basis of statistical reports published by the Cement Manufacturers Association, the consumption & production of cement in Assam during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Production (In lakh tonnes)	Consumption (In lakh tonnes)
1993-94	1 48	4 95
1994-95	1 54	5 36
1995-96	1 56	4 35

Production data of mini cement plants is not maintained centrally

(b) Cement Industry is decontrolled and delicensed and entrepreneurs are free to set up cement units anywhere subject to locational clearance. Government is providing all infrastructural support to the industry to maximise cement production. Rail wagons are supplied to Cement plants on a priority basis for transporting cement to deficit areas.

[Translation]

Surcharge Levied on Income-Tax

330. SHRI MUNAWWAR HASSAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether surcharge on income tax was imposed at the time when the country was facing natural calamity some years back.

(b) whether this surcharge on income tax is still continuing.

(c) if so, the justification therefor

(d) whether the Government distribute the income earned on this account among States also;

(e) if so, the percentage thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. Surcharge at the rate of 5% of income tax was imposed to meet the formidable after-effects of the drought of 1987-88.

(b) and (c). Surcharge initially imposed at the rate of 5% as mentioned in the answer to part (a), was increased from time to time to 12% in the case of non-corporate assesseees and to 15% in case of companies to mobilise resources. Surcharge in the case of non-corporate assesseees was abolished through Finance Act, 1994. However, surcharge in the case of domestic companies continues to be levied for revenue reasons.

(d) No, Sir. The surcharge is collected for the purposes of the Union only and it is not distributed among the States.

(e) In view of the answer to part (d), this does not arise.

(f) In view of the answer to part (d), this also does not arise.

Debt burden

331. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the per capita debt burden in the country as on date; and

(b) the amount of interest to be paid thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The per capita internal and external debt of the Government works out to Rs. 3272 and Rs. 1601 respectively in 1995-96.

(b) Total interest payment on internal and external debt of Government is estimated at Rs. 27166 crores in 1995-96 (RE).

[English]

ADB Collaborated Highway Projects

332. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the highway projects being implemented in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank;

(b) the funds obtained from ADB for these projects.

(c) the progress of each project as on date; and

(d) the target period fixed for the completion of each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d). The details of the highway projects being implemented with loan assistance, from Asian Development Bank are given in the enclosed statements-I, II and III.

STATEMENT-I

*Detail of First Road Improvement Projects under ADB Loan Assistance
Loan No 918-Ind
Loan Amount US \$ 188 00 million
Funds obtained from ADB- US \$ 133.2 million (Upto May, 1996) (Rs. in crore)*

S. State No.	N.H No	Name of Works	Length in km	Sanc- tioned cost	Physical Progress in % upto May, 96	Target date of completion	
NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS							
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5	Widening to 4 lanes from km 358/0 to km 395/876 of Vijayawada section & km 0/0 to 2/837 of Visakhapatnam Bhubaneshwar section of NH5 including strengthening of existing 2 lane carriageway	46 33	83 33	80 95	Dec 96
2	Haryana	2	4 laning of Delhi-Mathura section of NH2 from Ballabgarh to Haryana-Uttar Pradesh Border (km 37.30 to km 93 83) in Haryana	56 53	68 91	59 50	Sep. 1997
3.	Uttar Pradesh	2	4 laning of Delhi-Mathura section of NH2 from Haryana-U P Border to Mathura (km 93 83 to km 148 33) in Uttar Pradesh.	54 50	64 00	58 50	Sep. 1997
Sub-Total			157.36	216.24			
STATE ROAD PROJECTS							
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	Improvement of Hyderabad-Ramagundam Road	214 97	70 00	67.27	March, 97
2	Karnataka	-	Improvement of Ankola-Hubli Road	132 40	65 00	100 00	Completed
3.	Tamil Nadu	-	Improvement of East Coast Road	166 60	63.00	62.61	Sep 1997
Sub-Total			513 97	198 00			
Grand Total			671 83	414.24			

STATEMENT-II

Detail of Second Road Improvement Projects under ADB Loan Assistance

Loan No. 1041-Ind.

Loan Amount : US \$ 250 million

Funds obtained from ADB- US \$ 145.2 million (Upto May, 1996)

(Amount in Rs. crores)

S. State No	N.H No.	Name of Work	Length in km.	Sanc-tioned cost	Physical Progress in % upto May, 96	Target date of completion	
<i>NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS</i>							
1.	Karnataka	7	Widening to 4 lanes & Strengthening of the existing pavement of the Bangalore to Karnataka/ Tamil Nadu border section (km 8 km 33) of NH 7	25	48.11	73.00	June, 1997
2.	Kerala	47	Widening to 4 lanes & Strengthening of existing pavement of Alwaye to Vytilla & Aroor-Sherthalai & Strengthening Vytilla-Aroor section of NH 47	47	93.97	32.27	Dec, 1998
3.	Rajasthan	8	Widening to 4 lanes & Strengthening of the existing pavement of the Achrol-Kotputli section (km 162.500 to 231.00)	69	93.66	71.80	June, 1997
Sub Total			141	235.74			
<i>STATE ROAD PROJECT</i>							
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	Improvement of Kakinada-Rajanagram Road	54.00	34.03	89.70	Oct, 1996
2.	Orissa	-	Improvement of Rourkela-Sambalpur Road	164.00	189.30	72.56	June, 1997
3.	Uttar Pradesh	-	Improvement of Varanasi-Shakti nagar Road	182.00	108.67	31.85	June, 1998
4.	West Bengal	-	Improvement of Panagarh-Moregram Road	152.00	205.00	38.06	Dec, 1998
Sub-Total			552.00	537.00			
Grand Total			693.00	772.71			

STATEMENT-III

Detail of Third Road Improvement Project under ADB Loan Assistance

Loan No 1274-Ind.

Loan Amount . US \$ 245 million

Funds obtained from ADB- Nil (Upto May, 1996)

(Amount in Rs. crores)

S. No.	State	N.H No.	Name of the Work	Length km.	Approved cost in Rs. Crores	Remarks
1.	Haryana	8	4 laning including strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement of Gurgaon-Haryana/Rajasthan Border (km 36.68 to 107.18)	70.55	177.86	1.Executing Agency National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
2.	Rajasthan	8	4 laning including strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement of Haryana/Rajasthan Border to Kotputli (km 107.18 to 162.50)	55.38	120.64	2. NHAI has received the tenders. These are being processed for early finalisation of contract agreements. It is too early to indicate the target dates of completion.
3.	West Bengal	2	4 laning including strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement of Raniganj to Panagarh (km 474 to 516)	42	143.35	
4.	Bihar	2	4 laning including strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement of Barwa adda to Barakar (km 398.75 to 441.44)	42.7	127.89	
5.	Andhra Pradesh	9	Strengthening of existing two lane carriage-way on Nandigama to Vijayawada (km 217 to 265) section including four laning from (km 252 to km 265)	48	67.32	
6.	Andhra Pradesh	5	Strengthening of existing two lane carriage-way of Vijayawada to Eluru (km 3.4 to 52.8 & km 69.2 to 75) including 4 laning from km 3.4 to 13 & a 17.88 km long bypass for Eluru town (km 53.80 to 69.20)	74.08	132.42	
			Total	332.71	772.48	