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| 9. | Arunachal Pradesh | Bye election | 22-Roing A.C. | April, 1983 | 25 |
| 10. | Bihar | —do— | 199-Chandi A.C. | June, 1983 | 159 |
| 11. | Tripura | —do— | 18-Charilam A.C. | Nov., 1983 | 19 |

A.C. = Assembly Constituency, M.C. = Metropolitan Council
 * One common machine was used in two polling station located in the same premises.

Security Arrangements on National Highways

4623. SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a number of vehicles have been ambushed, goods looted and many lives lost on National Highways in Manipur due to lack of proper security arrangements;

(b) if so, the Government propose to constitute a National Highway Protection Force on the lines similar to that of Railway Protection Force in Manipur area as Manipur is not connected with any rail-link to ensure the safe movement of goods/passengers in the State; and

(c) if not, the other measures proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the lives and goods of commuters in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) :

(a) Maintenance of law order is a State subject.

(b) There is no such proposal with Ministry of Surface Transport.

(c) This is a state subject.

Cooperation on Navigation between India & Nepal

4624. SHRIMATI RANI CHITRALEKHA BHONSLE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India and Nepal have any proposal to establish co-operation on the navigation aspects of river system of both the countries;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to set up a Joint Committee to look into the matter; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Terms of Reference and constitution of the joint study team to study navigational possibilities in Gandak and Kamali rivers are being finalised by both countries jointly.

[Translation]

Cyclone Forecast

4625. SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to extend the range of existing radars on the Western Coast in view of the heavy loss caused recently by the cyclone in Saurashtra and the Kutch areas so that weather related information and forecast could be made effectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c): The range of the existing cyclone detection radars on the western coast is 500 kms. However, the detection of meteorological targets by such radars is limited to 400