

Statement

Name of the Scheme	State	(Rs. in crores)
		Expenditure Incurred
The National River Action Plan	Andhra Pradesh	7.59
	Bihar	0.43
	Gujarat	11.10
	Karnataka	3.37
	Maharashtra	2.05
	Madhya Pradesh	7.15
	Punjab	24.24
	Tamilnadu	2.91
	Orissa	2.00
	Rajasthan	0.00
	Total	58.84

[Translation]**"W B Report on Environmental Degradation"**

155. DR. SUSHIL INDORA :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the report recently released and published by the World Bank wherein it is stated that India incurs a loss of 80 billion dollars due to environmental degradation;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government have estimated the financial losses caused by the environmental degradation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Highways

156. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of National Highways in the country, place-wise and State-wise;

(b) the present policy regarding construction and maintenance of National Highways and to declare the roads as National Highways;

(c) whether the Union Government have made any special arrangement for the construction and maintenance of National Highways which are in a dilapidated condition in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) A Statement-I giving details is enclosed.

(b) This Ministry is inter-alia responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only. The National Highways are developed and maintained through agency system with PWD's, Border Roads Organisation and NHAI acting as executing agencies. The criteria for declaration as new National Highway is at Statement-II.

(c) and (d) Improvement and maintenance of National Highways, all over the country, is a continuous process. National Highways are generally kept in traffic worthy conditions subject to availability of resources.

Statement-I**National Highways and Their Length**

S. No.	National Highway No.	Route	State through which passing and length (Km)
1	2	3	4
1.	1	Delhi-Ambala-Jalandhar-Amritsar-Indo-Pak Border	Delhi(22), Haryana(180), Punjab(254) Total: 456
2.	1A	Jalandhar-Madhampur-Jammu-Banihal-Srinagar-Baramula-Uri	Punjab(108), Himachal Pradesh(14), Jammu & Kashmir(541) Total: 663