

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for the construction of flyover at Transport Chowk, JN. No. 43 has been received in the Ministry for technical approval.

(c) About 3½ years after the commencement of the work.

(d) Rs. 19.63 crores.

Non-Delivery of Equipments to Scientific Academies/Centres

160. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the U.S. has stopped delivering equipments to Indian Scientific academies/Centres; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to counter the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) Some of the academic and scientific institutions face *denial* of exports from USA for items listed under the US Commerce Control List and US Munition List. While our institutions are geared to overcome the constraints through indigenous development and also by way of procurement from alternate sources, the Government have also taken up the matter with the US Government.

Construction of Border Roads

161. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have drawn up a plan about total length of Border Roads needed to be constructed to ensure proper and effective check on infiltration, smuggling and crimes on the Borders especially with Pakistan;

(b) the progress of works made in the Border Road construction on the Western Border from J & K to Rajasthan; and

(c) the steps taken to complete the work at the earliest and target date for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily concerned with the development and maintenance of National highways only. A High Level Empowered Committee constituted under the Punjab National

Plan is to decide the alignment of the construction of the border roads and the matter being sensitive in nature concerning security of the nation, the details are not known to this Ministry.

Extension of National Highway - 7A

162. DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to construct a new National Highway 7-A from Dhule to Surat joining National Highway-6 in Maharashtra and National Highway-8 in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether any proposal to extend these National Highway 7-A by about 25 kms. upto Hajira has been received by the Government;

(c) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) The road from Dhule to Surat is already a National Highway No. 6.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to extend the Dhule - Surat road to Hajira.

(d) Does not arise.

Demands of Lab Assistants

163. SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the demand of the Central Universities Laboratory Assistants; and

(b) the steps taken to negotiate and meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) The Government has received certain references from the Laboratory Assistants Associations concerning their various demands. Appropriate revised scales have already been given to them.

Provision for Divider on NH-3 and NH-6

164. SHRI D.S. AHIRE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no provision of divider