

1	2	3	4
2. Road Over Bridge on link road NH-47A connecting Wellington Island and Cochin Bypass in Kranakulam -Alleppey Sec.	375.95	375.95	56% of Railway portion completed & 60% of Road approach completed.
3. Road Under Bridge in lieu of level crossing No. 561 at Km.179/13-14 near Varkala in Quilon-Trivandrum section.	236.93	304.75	Contract awarded and work will be taken up shortly.
4. Road Over Bridge at Km.732/12-13 in lieu of level crossing at Km. 732/9-10 near Tellicherry	91.88	91.8	Railway's portion 90% complete and State Govt.'s 55%.

The work are expected to be completed by 30.04.1999.

Telecom Network in Railways

1449.DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways are competent enough to provide internet service;

(b) if so, whether the Railways are prepared to offer its telecom lines on lease at 80% of the cost offered by the DoT; and

(c) if so, the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir. The exact tariff is, yet to be decided.

(c) Railways are studying the technical and financial implications of providing telecom backup for internet service.

[Translation]

House Building Scheme for Bihar

1450.SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has sent any house building scheme for approval and financial assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the same; and

(d) the amount of assistance likely to be given for the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Various housing agencies in Bihar have submitted 10 housing projects to HUDCO seeking loan assistance of Rs. 37.43 crores. Scheme-wise details are given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) and (d) Loan amounts as admissible according to HUDCO's financing pattern will be released after these schemes are appraised as per HUDCO's guidelines.

Statement

Housing Schemes in Pipeline in the State of Bihar

S. No.	State/ Agency	Scheme Name	Dwelling Units	Loan Amount						Total
				EWS (R)	EWS (G)	LIG	MIG	HIG	OTH	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
BIHAR										
1.	Bihar State Housing Board	Package Loan Scheme	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	778.53	778.53

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2.	Bihar State Housing Board	MIG Plots loan Scheme at Bahadurpur Patna	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.27	0.00	0.00	104.27
3.	Bihar State Housing Board	MIG Hsg. pack. loan Sch. at Bahadurpur, Patna	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	153.45	0.00	0.00	153.45
4.	Bihar State Housing Board	HIG Hsg. pack loan Sch. at Darbhanga	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.57	0.00	60.57
5.	Bihar State Housing Board	MIG Hsg. pack. loan Sch. at Ranchi	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.20	0.00	0.00	29.20
6.	Bihar State Housing Board	MPD pack. loan Sch. at Daltonganj	0	0.00	5.57	10.70	14.37	0.00	0.00	30.64
7.	Bihar State Housing Board	MPD pack, loan Sch. at Hazaribagh	0	0.00	8.11	7.77	13.89	11.17	0.00	40.94
8.	Bihar State Housing Board	Cash Loan Scheme in Bihar	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2500.00	2500.00
9.	Munger Municipal Corporation	Kauya Maidan Municipal Market	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.17	15.17
10.	Munger Municipal Corporation	Lalit Narayan Market	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.72	30.72
			0	0.00	13.68	27.27	315.18	71.74	3424.42	3852.29

[English]

Army Jawans Killed in Anti-Insurgency Operations

1451. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of army officers and jawans killed in anti-insurgency operations during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to contain the rate of casualty?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) Various measures are being taken to minimise casualty to our troops. Some such measures are intensive training to the troops in counter insurgency operations prior to induction, making the incoming and the outgoing troops to operate together for one month to ensure adequate on the job training, provision of appropriate equipment/ weapons to the troops including bullet proof jackets and close monitoring of the activities of the militants and tactics used by them.

Statement

Year	J&K				North-East				
	Offrs	JCOs	OR	Total	Offrs	JCOs	OR	Total	
1995	19	25	209	253	06	02	41	49	
1996	20	17	223	260	06	05	54	65	
1997	23	20	228	271	13	06	78	97	
								784	211

Steel Plant in Orissa

1452. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Steel Plants under construction in Orissa;

(b) the estimated cost alongwith the target dates fixed for the completion of each plant; and

(c) the progress of Construction work of each plant as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) and (b)