[English]

Production of MIG-at with Russian Government

739. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government consider to produce and market 'MIG-at' jointly with Russian Government; and
- (b) if so, the details of agreement, if any, arrived at in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No formal proposal is presently under consideration.

(b) The question does not arise.

Shortage of Equipments

740. SHRI SUKHRAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that no exchange has been installed in tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh on satellite system and there is shortage of equipments in the exchanges of the State;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Dot to make up the shortfalls within the shortest period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Nineteen numbers of exchanges have been installed in Himachal Pradesh on Satellite systems including those in tribal areas as per details at Statement-I. However, there are other tribal areas in Himachal Pradesh where exchanges are yet to be installed on Satellite media, the details of which are given in Statement-II.

(c) Procurement of necessary equipments required for connecting exchanges listed in Statement-II on satellite media is being taken.

Statement-I

List of Exchanges installed in Himachal Pradesh on Satellite systems

1.	Ani	11.	Jubbal
2.	Nichar	12.	Janjheli
3.	Sangla	13.	Chopal
4.	Moorang	14.	Yangthang
5.	Pooh	15.	Tobu
6.	Kaza	16.	Barot
7.	Barmour	17.	Humli
8.	Udaipur	18.	Jispa
9.	Killar	19.	Dodrakwar

Kolkhai

10.

Statement-II

1.	Namgia	6.	Sissu			
2.	Chango	7.	Shansha			
3.	Lossar	8.	Garola			
4.	Sagnam	9.	Katagaon			
5.	Nerwa	10.	Durgathi			
[Translation]						

Construction of National Highways

741. DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH:

SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:

SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH:

DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of each National Highway in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the details of National Highways having quadrup and double lanes, separately, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the names of the ongoing projects on National Highways proposed for doubling, quadruping, construction of express highways and new highways etc., State/Union Territory-wise;
- (d) the funds earmarked therefor during 1996-97 and 1997-98;
- (e) the expenditure incurred thereon during 1996-97 and 1997-98 till-date, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (f) the time by which work on these highways is likely to be completed;
- (g) the details of pending projects, State/Union Territory-wise; and
 - (h) the present position of these National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN): (a) A statement is at Statement-I.

- (b) A statement is at Statement-II.
- (c) Number of on-going projects relating to widening is:

Single lane to 2 lane 33
2 lane to 4 lane 30

Number of projects proposed for widening during Annual Plan 1997-98 is :