

break up of the erstwhile USSR., Government have also been pursuing a policy of establishing contacts with Russia as well as each of the successor States of the former USSR for promotion of Defence Cooperation.

Simultaneously, Government are also pursuing measures to sustain defence imports from other sources and to strengthen indigenous production facilities to ensure that the defence requirements of the country are fully met.

[English]

N.H. No. 31, Sikkim

1308. SHRI BHIM PRASAD DAHAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any request from Sikkim Government for construction of an alternative Highway for Sikkim from Siliguri to Gangtok;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to hand-over National Highway 31A to CPWD?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) Govt. of Sikkim have requested for an alternative route to Sikkim from Siliguri via Singla Bazar. Improvement of Siliguri-Singla Bazar road which falls in West Bengal could be included in 9th Plan under Economic and Inter State Importance Scheme depending on availability of funds.

(d) NH 31A is under the control of Border Roads Organisation and there is no proposal to hand over NH 31A to C.P.W.D.

[Translation]

Road Between Bareilly to Amingaon

1309. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the

Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme for the construction of 1600 Km. long parallel road from Bareilly (U.P.) to Amingaon (Assam) was formulated in 1963 and it was accorded approval in various stages;

(b) whether the construction of 205 Km long Darbhanga Forbisganj missing link which is a part of this parallel road has not been completed yet without which even the conception of this parallel road is incomplete, and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to construct this road?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. the stretch from Darbhanga to Forbisganj never formed a part of this project.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Changes in NCC Organisations

1310. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are considering radical changes in training content and structure of NCC Organisations in terms of upgradation and expansion etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the details of present set up and coverage of the organisation and proposed expansion, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) Under the command and control of Director General NCC, New Delhi, there are 16 Directorates, 91 Group Headquarters and 754 Units in the country. The State-wise details of NCC Units are in the attached statement. The Government are constituting a Committee headed by the Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Defence to review the functioning of NCC.

Statement

Sl. No.	State (s)	No. of Units	Total No. of Districts	No of Districts covered by NCC
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	57	23	23
2.	Bihar	43	55	55
3.	Delhi	18	09	09
4.	Gujarat	35	19	19
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	09	14	14
6.	Karnataka	49	20	20