GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SURFACE TRANSPORT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:563
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2000
CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNEL UNDER ROHTANG PASS
MAHESHWAR SINGH;SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Planning Commission and Ministry of Defence have assigned the ambitious projects of the construction of a tunnel under the Rohtang Pass to his Ministry for linking district Lahol Spiti of Himachal Pradesh and Laddakh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the construction work on the said project is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (\mbox{DR} , $\mbox{DEBENDRA PRADHAN}$)

- (a) No, Sir. Investment decision for the construction of the tunnel will be taken only after further investigation.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise.