

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any type of Government or Non-Government financial assistance from foreign countries for new construction or reconstruction work of National Highways for the year 1999-2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds distributed to the Karnataka State Government for the purpose;
- (d) whether any special project has been created by the Union Government for revival of National Highways for the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c) Does not arise.

(d)&(e) Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process. However, an important project called National Highway Development Programme has been recently approved by Government. The project envisages 4/6 laning of National Highways linking the four metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta as also the North South corridor linking Kashmir to Kanyakumari and East West corridor linking Saurashtra to Silchar in an aggregate length of approximately 13,000 km. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 54,000 crore.