GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SURFACE TRANSPORT LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:214
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
WORLD BANK LOAN FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT
ANANDRAO ADSUL;JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has expressed its concern over the condition of the National Highways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount of loan granted by the World Bank to improve the condition of roads; State-wise;
- (c) whether emphasis has been laid on the cemented roads in the report of the World Bank; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.214 for answer on 7.8.2000 regarding World Bank Loan for Road Management.

(a) & (b): The World Bank has been sharing our concern over the condition of National Highways and they have been providing assistance for improvement of National Highways in the country. World Bank has so far provided three loans, the details of which are as under:

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    S.No. Loan Package Loan Amount Year of Year of Project States (US$ Million) Signing Closing
    WB - I 200 1985 1993 Tamil Nadu, U.P., West Bengal, Gujarat, Haryana & Punjab.
    WB - II 306 1992 2001 Haryana, Punjab, Orissa, M.P., Maharashtra, and West Bengal.
    WB - III 516 2000 2006 U.P. and Bihar.
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- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Government is constructing cement concrete pavement for National Highways wherever it is found to be the preferred alternative.