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3.	Improvement of NH-2 from Barwa Adda (km. 398.75) to Barakar (km 441.44) in Bihar (4 laning of existing two lanes for 42 km.)	150.67
4.	Improvement on NH-9 from Nandigama (km 217.0) to Vijayawada (km. 265.0) in Andhra Pradesh (strengthening of existing 2 lanes for 35 km; 4 laning of existing 2 lanes for 13 km)	67.90
5.	Improvement of NH-5 from Vijayawada (km 3.4) to Eluru (km 75.0) in Andhra Pradesh (strengthening of existing 2 lanes for 47 km; 4 laning of existing 2 lanes for 9.6 km. and 18 km. new formation of 2 lanes)	171.60

**Clearance to Mumbai-Pune Express-way**

725. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:  
SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR:  
KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- whether the Union Government have cleared the Mumbai-Pune Express-way scheme;
- if so, the details thereof;
- whether the clearance to this scheme involves the violation of environmental regulations;
- if so, the reasons therefor;
- whether the Government have also given clearance to Ghat Section of this Highway; and
- if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be given clearance?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The revised proposal as cleared by the Ministry of Environment and Forests envisages linking the new expressway with the Ghat section of the existing National Highway NH-4 from Adoshi. The Ghat section of NH-4 will be widened from four to six lanes without acquiring any additional land.

- No, Sir.
- Does not arise.
- No, Sir.

(f) The State Government modified the project proposal by excluding the Ghat section and hence there is at present no proposal before the Ministry regarding the Ghat section.

[English]

**Poor Telecommunication Services**

726. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:  
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- whether the Government are aware of the poor and inadequate telecommunication services in rural areas in Orissa particularly in Jagatsinghpur district;
- if so the reasons therefor;
- the target fixed for modernisation and expansion of telecommunication network in Orissa during the Eight Five Year Plan.
- whether the target has been achieved;
- if not, the reasons therefor;
- the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- the programmes drawn up for the expansion and modernisation of telecommunication network in the State in Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The telecommunication services in rural areas in the State of Orissa particularly in Jagatsinghpur district are satisfactory in general.

- Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- the targets and achievements during the Eighth Five Year plan are given in the Statement enclosed.
- Targets have been achieved in most of the cases. In case of village public telephones the target could not be achieved.
- Delay in supply of the equipment from the manufacturers.
- Does not arise in view of (e) above.