2827 SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mondaha Dam Project in district Hamirpur of Uttar Pradesh initiated in 1977 with proposed cost of Rs.23 crores has not yet been completed:

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in its construction and the amount spent thereon so far:

(c) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards breakage of this dam twice before its construction;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken against the defaulting and irresponsible officers; and

(e) the sources from which funds were arranged for this dam and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) Mondaha Dam Project in district Hamirpur of Uttar Pradesh is under construction.

(b) Irrigation is a State subject. The projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments from their own resources. Completion of the project will depend upon the priority given by the State Government. An expenditure of Rs.98.54 crores has been incurred on the Project upto March 96.

(c) to (e). Information is being collected.

[English]

Length of N.He

2828 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise break up of the ratio between the total length of National Highways and the total area of each State;

(b) the criteria fixed for approval of a National Highway in a State;

(c) whether there is any proposal to consider the claims of States which have a low ratio between the length of N.H. and the total area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) A Statement is enclosed.

(b) The criteria for declaration of State roads as National Highways are as under :-

- (i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;
- (ii) roads connecting State Capitals;
- (iii) roads connecting adjacent countries;
- (iv) roads connecting major ports and important industrial or tourist centres;

- (v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements;
- (vi) roads carrying high density of traffic over or adequate length; and
- (vii) roads which will enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achievement of substantial economies thereby.
- (c) No, Sir.

AUGUST 26, 1996

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

National Highway Length in Relation to Area

S.	State	Length	Area	Length
No.		Km.	in 1000 km.	of NH
			TOUT KIN.	. (km) per 100(
				sqr. km
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2888	276.8	10.43
2 .	Arunchal Pradesh	330	83.6	3.94
3	Assam	2296	78.5	29.24
4	Bihar	2237	173.9	12.86
5.	Chandigarh	24	0.1	240.00
6.	Delhi	72	1.5	48.00
7.	Goa	229	3.8	60.28
8.	Gujarat	1631	196.0	8.32
9 .	Haryana	698	44.2	15.01
10.	Himachal Pradesh	854	55.7	15.33
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	648	272.2	2.91
12	Karnataka	1996	191.8	10.48
13.	Kerala	940	38.9	24.18
14	Madhya Pradesh	2946	442.5	6.66
15	Maharashtra	2918	307.8	9.49
16.	Manipur	431	22.4	19.24
17.	Meghalaya	472	22.5	22.98
18.	Mizoram	551	21.1	26.11
19.	Nagaland	113	16.5	6.85
20.	Orissa	1649	155.8	10.58
21.	Pondicherry	23	0.5	46.00
22 .	Punjab	892	50.4	17.70
23 .	Rajasthan	2931	34 2.2	8.57
24.	Sikkim	62	7.3	8.49
25.	Tamil Nadu	1896	130.1	14.58
26 .	Tripura	200	10.5	19.05
27 .	Uttar Pradesh	2733	294.4	9.27
28 .	West Bengal	1638	87.8	18.65
<u> </u>	Total:	34298	3278.8	725.20