

[English]

**Funds for Development of National
Highways in Kerala**

867. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has made any request during current year to allot funds for the development of National Highways in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount proposed to be allotted by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has requested for a minimum allotment of Rs. 120 crores. The final allocation of the NH sector for 1998-99 is yet to be approved by the Parliament. Based on the final approval, allotment to various States including Kerala would be decided.

[Translation]

**International Financial Assistance For
Bridges/Roads in Bihar**

868. SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some international financial organisations are giving financial assistance to Bihar for construction of bridge and roads;

(b) if so, the details regarding length and names of roads/bridges to be constructed;

(c) the names of the financial organisations are giving financial assistance to Bihar for construction of bridges and roads; and

(d) the time schedule regarding completion of construction work of these roads and bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir. World Bank and Asian Development Bank are providing loans for development of roads and bridges in the State of Bihar.

(b) to (d) Details of the projects are as under :

Name of the Project	Length of Bridge and Road	Target date of completion	Amount of loan assistance
I. World Bank			
1. Bhagalpur Bridge and approach roads	Length of Bridge about 4367 metres. Length of approach Roads-about 10.6 kms.	June 2000	US Dollar 23.6 Million (approx)
Roads and Bridges under Bihar Plateau Development Project.	Total length of Bridges 10,000 metres (approx) Length of roads-about 1200 Kms.	June, 2000	Project cost of road and bridge works Rs. 270 crores (approx.) ; included in the loan amount US Dollar 117 million for several project.
II. Asian Development Bank			
Four laning and strengthening of Barwa Adda (km 398.75) to Barakar (KM 441.44) Section of NH 2.	About 46 Kms.	June, 2000	Project cost Rs. 128 crores (approx.); included under Third loan of US Dollar 245 million which covers projects in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Hayrana, Rajasthan and West Bengal.