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**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
<b>I. World Bank</b>			
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.
<b>II. Asian Development Bank</b>			
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.