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	2. Veniyar Gudi (Group of Temples) Aihole
3. Madhya Pradesh	1. North West Miniature Shrine of Laxman Temple, Khajuraho
4. Orissa	1. Mahakal Temple, Retnagiri
5. Uttar Pradesh	1. Bandeo Temple, Dwarahat

Quality of Roads

2946. SHRI AJAY KUMAR S. SARNAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of road building in India has suffered because the State Public Works Departments have not utilised the road research carried out by the Central Road Research Institute;
- (b) whether the Indian roads including the National Highways are not upto the mark;
- (c) whether Government propose to improve the quality of roads in India; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The National Highways are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available resources.

(c) and (d) The improvement programmes have not kept pace with the growth in traffic due to inadequate budgetary funds. However, the Govt. has decided to allow the private sector to take up development and maintenance of National Highways from their own funds and to service such investments through tolls collected from the users.

Funds for Development of Roads in A.P.

2947. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has prepared number of proposals for laying roads;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether State Government has asked the Union Government and the World Bank to provide funds for development of roads in the State; and
- (d) if so, the total amount sanctioned by the Union Government and World Bank for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) This Ministry is responsible for the development of National Highways only and the development of all other roads falls within the purview of the respective State Government. Annual Plan 1998-99, provides for the development of existing National Highways at a cost Rs. 79.90 crores in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) (i) A World Bank loan amounting to US \$ 485.5 million, for improvement of approximately 1400 kms of State roads in Andhra Pradesh, is under implementation by the State Government.

(ii) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been allocated sums of Rs. 2943.83 lakhs for National Highways (original works) and Rs. 3898.00 lakhs for Maintenance and Repairs for the year 1997-98 respectively.

LPT at Sundergarh, Orissa

2948. SHRI JUAL ORAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Orissa for establishment of new LPTs in Sundergarh region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the same is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Requests from the Minister of State for Welfare, Govt. of Orissa were received in 1995 for establishment of Low Power Transmitters at Kinjirkella, Sagbahal (Balisankara Block) Konika (Hemgir Block) and at Hemgir in Sundergarh District of Orissa.

(c) At present, there is no approved scheme to establish LPTs at above mentioned places.

Idols of Jain Tirthankars

2949. SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the process of repair work done at Qutab Minar complex in Delhi, scores of Idols of Jain Tirthankars were found in seventies and thereafter;
- (b) if so, whether these items have been documented and put for display in the national Museum or elsewhere;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which this work will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) One architectural fragment of a lintel depicting sitting Adinatha image in the