

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the expected time of completion of these projects alongwith their present status?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) The proposed project named as National Highway Development project is not an exclusive express highway project. It consists of development of about 16,300 Kms. of National Highways along the Golden Quadrilateral Connecting 4 metros, namely, Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai and Mumbai as also the North-South and East-West Corridors connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari and Silchar to Saurashtra respectively. Certain other heavily traffic National Highway routes are also part of it as spurs. As per preliminary assessment, this will involve construction of approx. 9400 Kms. of expressways along new alignments, widening of approx. 1400 Kms. and 5500 Kms. to 6 and 4 lanes respectively at a total cost of approx. Rs. 1,24,000 crores at 1999 prices.

(b) The sources for financing the projects are as under:—

- (i) Budget allocation.
- (ii) External loan assistance from bilateral/multilateral agencies.
- (iii) Private Sector participation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) So far bids on BOT basis have been invited from private sector for Jaipur-Kishangarh Section of NH-8. and bidders have been shortlisted for the Tumkur-Neelamangala Section of NH4 and Hosur-Krishagiri Section of NH-7.

IDVC Project

*90. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to wind up Integrated Disease Vector Control (IDVC) project;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the employees who have been working therein for the last couple of years are likely to be absorbed in some other Government Department(s);

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether keeping in view the fact that Malaria has not been completely eradicated the Government propose to continue the project; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (g) The Science & Technology Project on Integrated Disease Vector Control (IDVC) of Malaria was initiated at Malaria Research Centre in 1985 as an extramural Project. The project jointly funded by ICMR and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, was approved for continuation till the end of 8th Five Year Plan. The Project was continued during 1997-98 and has been extended for a further period of one year till 31st March, 1999.

The issue of permanency of staff as well as continuation of this Project was considered by Dr. Harcharan Singh Committee and later by Dr. Pattanayak Committee which reviewed the progress and achievements of the IDVC Project. The recommendations were forwarded to Prof. Rudrappa Committee which had accepted the recommendations of Dr. Pattanayak Committee for re-organisation of IDVC as a permanent activity of Malaria Research Centre, Delhi. These recommendations have been considered by the Governing Body in its recent meeting held on 28.1.99. On receipt of the recommendations of the Governing Body and Scientific Advisory Board of ICMR, a decision on future continuation of the Project will be taken by the Government.

Development Works in Telecommunications and Postal Sectors

*91. SHRI V.K. KHANDELWAL:
SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development works executed in the Telecommunications and postal sectors in Madhya Pradesh particularly in the tribal areas, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the revenue earned by the Government from these States and the amount spent for the development works during the said period, State-wise;