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Annual Loss Due to Bad Road Condition

10347. SHRI R.N. RAKESH:
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:
SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL:
SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MUTHY:
SHRI SRIKNATA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Rs. 6000 crore loss due to bad

roads" appearing in the "Indian Express" dated 29 April, 1990;

(b) if so, the annual loss being suffered by the country in terms of fuel consumption and wear and tear of tyres due to bad road conditions;

(c) the total amount of loss due to fuel consumption alone;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the effective steps being taken for proper maintenance and development of National and State Highways to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Working Group on Roads for the VIIIth Five Year Plan has estimated that due to poor condition of roads, the losses to the economy are about Rs. 6000 crore per year. Losses due to fuel alone have not been assessed.

(e) The losses on National and State Highways are being minimised, by way of iments etc. subject to availability of resources. During the VIIth Plan, an amount of Rs. 1482.18 crore was spent on development works on National Highways compared to Rs./ 670.40 crore during the VIth Plan.

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10348. SHRI R.N. RAKESH:
SHRI NAIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing