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(c) Notices under the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986 have been issued and follow-up action initiated to ensure compliance of fire-safety requirements. 3 buildings, which did not have prescribed fire safety requirements and where incidents of fire had taken place, were sealed.

(d) The Chief Fire Officer and the nominated authorities conduct periodic surveys of the defaulting buildings. As a result of these surveys, private buildings have formed associations which has yielded considerable progress. CPWD have set-up a separate cell for providing 12 safety requirements in the buildings and have taken suitable measures for getting the fire safety requirements implemented.

[*English*].

Amount Sanctioned for Four laning of National Highway No. 47 in Kerala

6792. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the total amount sanctioned for four laning of Alwaye to Vytilla and Aroor to Shertallai sections of National Highway No. 47 in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): Estimates costing Rs. 501.91 lakhs, covering surveys and investigations, and land acquisition from Alwaye to Edapally, have been sanctioned so far in respect of four-laning of NH 47 in Kerala.

[*Translation*]

Telephone Service in Bihar

6793. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecommunication service in the State of Bihar particularly of Katihar and Diyara in district Khagaria is unsatisfactory;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to improve the telephone service in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. however, interruption in service in Diyara belt of Khagaria District occurs during rainy season because of heavy floods which dislocate the lines and repairs are possible only after flood waters recede.

(b) and (c). Khagaria District Headquarter exchange has been converted into electronic exchange with STD facility. During the 8th Plan the Department has a programme to improve the services in Bihar by:

- (i) Converting old type of Strowger exchanges and manual exchanges by electronic exchanges.
- (ii) Linking Rural telephone in Diyara belt area on Multi Access Radio Relay system.
- (iii) providing engine alternators in most of the exchanges to improve the power supply.