

(c) Against an overall plan outlay of Rs. 138.40 crores, an amount of Rs. 82.70 crores has been earmarked for modernisation of equipment and floatilla in respect of Vishakhapatnam Port Trust during the year 2000-2001.

(d) Percentage-wise achievement of all Major Ports vis-a-vis target/outlay in respect of total cargo handled, container traffic and utilisation of funds for the last five years is given below:

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Total Cargo Handled	106.6	105.7	106.2	97.6	105.4
Container Traffic	*	110.7	101.0	94.4	109.2
Plan Outlay Utilisation	60.8	84.4	61.0	106.7	91.7

*No separate target was fixed for containerised cargo.

Construction of bridges on NHs in Uttar Pradesh

4689. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bridges on the various National Highways constructed in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last five years and till date;

(b) the details of bridges proposed to be constructed during the next three years in the State; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and proposed to be allocated for the same during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Details of the bridges which are completed during last five years are given in the Annexure-[See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 120]

(b) It is too early to indicate the details of the bridges proposed to

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be constructed during the next three year as the Plans for the same are yet to be finalised. However, the details of the bridges which are in progress as on 1.4.2000 alongwith their target dates of completion are indicated in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Funds for the development and maintenance of National Highways are allocated to the State as a whole and not bridge-wise. The funds allocated to the State of UP during the last three years are indicated as under:—

(Amount in Rs. Crores)

Years	Normal Works	Externally aided projects	Maintenance & repairs	Total
1997-98	62.36	73.30	49.49	185.15
1998-99	70.78	48.50	60.28	179.56
1999-2000	97.74	28.65	101.79	228.18

Statement

The name of bridges being constructed on National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of works	Job Nos.	Date of Sanction	Sanction amount	Targete date of comple tion
1.	Construction of western depuration drain bridge in km. 18 on NH-11.	011/UP/98/226	31.3.98	246.50	8/2000
2.	Ghaghara bridge at Mazhi Ghat in km. 128 on NH-19.	019/UP/99/252	18.5.99	2783.21	3/2001
3.	Sharada Hardoi branch canal Bridge in km. 346 on NH-24.	024/UP/98/229	31.3.98	155.60	9/2000

Sl. No.	Name of works	Job Nos.	Date of Sanction	Sanction amount	Targete date of comple tion
4.	Sai bridge in km. 28 on NH-25.	025/UP/99/258	2.12.99	417.24	3/2002
5.	Chamari Nala bridge in km. 222 on NH-25.	025/UP/99/250	31.3.99	323.80	3/2001
6.	Pili Nadi bridge in km. 191 on NH-56.	056/UP/98/232	20.11.98	329.60	12/2000

Recognition of New National Waterways in Orissa

4690. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognised the National Waterways in the country;

(b) if so, the names, length and locations thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to recognise the National Waterways in Orissa and to renovate the canals in that State particularly Taldenda canal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad for a distance of 1620 km, the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya for a distance of 891 km and the West Coast Canal alongwith Champakara and Udyogmandal canals for a distance of 205 km have been declared as National Waterway No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

(c) Techno-economic feasibility study for development of east Coast Canal from Paradip to Haldia alongwith Brahmani river system for inland shipping and navigation has been conducted and found to be viable. Declaration of this waterway as national waterway would however, depend on the availability of funds for declaration and development of new national waterways.