

Detailed engineering and project preparation has also been taken up for upgradation of Kishangarh—Ajmer Section.

**Declaration of New National Highways in Tamil Nadu**

563. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Tamil Nadu have sent proposals for declaring some roads as the new National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the length in Kms. of these roads and the cost involved in declaring these roads; and

(c) by which date these proposals would be cleared by his Ministry?

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

Yes, Sir.

(b) In January 2000, 8 proposals with an aggregate length of 941.7 kms. have been received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu. About 1413 crores would be required for upgrading these roads to National Highways standards.

(c) No definite time frame can be given since the proposals would be considered keeping in view the *inter-se* priority with other proposals received from other State Government and subject to availability of funds.

**Vacancies and Promotion of Employees in IRCC**

564. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Road Construction Corporation has promoted employees without vacancies and on the other hand has not promoted eligible employees against vacancies during 1991-93;

(b) if so, the categories of employees who were given benefit of promotion and those discriminated against and under which rules these have been done separately;