

to the State from the Fund in view of developing the infrastructural need of the industry?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) Allocation of funds from Central Road Fund (CRF) is done on lump-sum basis having regard to the accruals (which is based on consumption of petrol, except non-aviation fuel) of various States, schemes sanctioned and the funds made available by the Ministry of Finance. The share/allocation of funds during the last three years of Karnataka is as under:—

Years	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	288.00
1995-96	110.00
1996-97	170.00

(d) The resolution passed by the two Houses of Parliament for augmenting the CRF in May, 1988 has not yet been implemented.

Improvement of Alpuzha-Noovatupuzha Road in Kerala

1903. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for the improvement of Alpuzha-Noovatupuzha in Kerala utilizing the funds of CRF is under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग की लम्बाई

1904. श्री अखिलेश दास : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में कितने किलोमीटर लम्बे राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग का निर्माण हुआ है और उन स्थानों के नाम पर क्या-क्या है जहां यह निर्माण कार्य करवाया गया है,

(ख) उपरोक्त वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष में कितनी- कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गयी है और पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान पूरे देश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विस्तार पर खर्च की गयी धनराशि में से कितने प्रतिशत धनराशि उत्तर प्रदेश के राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर खर्च की गयी है, और

(ग) क्या वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का विस्तार किए जाने संबंधी कोई योजना विचारधीन है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी० जी० वेंकटरामन) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों में उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नेटवर्क में सड़क के गाजीपुर-बलिया छपरा खंड को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं० 19 घोषित करके 128 कि० मी० की लम्बाई जोड़ी गई है।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास के लिए निधियां जिसमें नव घोषित राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग के लिए आवश्यक निधियां भी शामिल है, राज्य को एकमुश्त रूप से आवंटित की जाती हैं न कि कार्यवार पिछले तीन वर्षों में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग के विकास के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य को आवंटित निधियां इस प्रकार हैं:

वर्ष	आवंटित निधियां (लाख रु०)
1994-95	6264.00
1995-66	7670.00
1996-97	7610.00

(ग) 1997-98 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग के विस्तार का कोई प्रस्ताव विचारधीन नहीं है।

Waterways Transport between Madras and Nagappattinam

1905. SHRI T.M. VENKATA-CHALAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering introducing waterways transport between Madras and Nagappattinam via Pondicherry Cuddalore; and

(b) if so, whether any survey has been done?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Merchant Shipping Sector is open to private sector and the services are provided based on the economic viability and commercial judgement of the entrepreneur. If any proposal from private sector to operate the services in the coastal sector is received, technical consideration are examined and approval accorded.

Some entrepreneurs have evinced interest to operate transport services between Madras and Nagappattinam sector. The Govt, will encourage such operations.

Damage to the National Highways in Tamil Nadu due to Flood

1906. SHRI T.M. VENKATACHALAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of National Highways damaged in Tamil Nadu due to rains and floods recently;

(b) the National Highways so affected;

(c) the fund required to repair the damaged Highways;

(d) whether Government have sanctioned any funds for the purpose so far; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) During rains/floods in December, 1996 damages have occurred at several places over the total National Highways network of 1890 Kms. (excluding urban lengths) in Tamil Nadu.

(c) to (e) An amount of Rs. 2.00 Crore has already been released. In addition to this, it is proposed to sanction estimates amounting to nearly Rs. 5.00 Crore.

National Highway from Bangalore to Pondicherry

1907. SHRI T.M. VENKATACHALAM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long pending demand for National Highway from Bangalore to Pondicherry;

(b) whether Government propose to construct National Highway from Pondicherry to Krishnagiri which is already connected to Bangalore through National Highway;

(c) if so, whether survey has been ordered; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Pending National Highway Projects

1908. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many projects relating to expansion of National Highways from various States are pending before Government; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Several references for declaration of State roads as National Highways are pending for want of adequate funds.

(b) The details are given in the Statement.