

to augment the container handling facilities at Kandla, which is under examination. At Vadinar and Porbandar, there is no proposal to provide container handling facilities.

Development of National Highways into Four Lanes

*247. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways in various States particularly in Madhya Pradesh widened/proposed to be widened into four lanes during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96, State-wise;

(b) the total number of districts so far benefited in the State; and the total amount earmarked for the purpose; and

(c) the policy/criteria laid down for selection of National Highways to be

widened into four lanes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) The details of National Highways in various States including Madhya Pradesh which are widened or proposed to be widened into four-lanes during 1994-95 and 1995-96 are at statement (see below).

(b) A sum of Rs. 10,296.62 lakhs has been sanctioned for four laning works in Indore-Dewas section of NH-3 in Madhya Pradesh under Externally Aided Scheme.

(c) Widening to four-lane is considered when daily traffic exceeds 15,000 Passenger Car Units, subject to availability of funds and the *inter-se* priorities.

Statement

A. State-wise details of four laning in progress during 1994-95 and 1995-96

S.No.	State	NH No.	Length (Km)gr.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5	46
2.	Gujarat	NE-1	93
		8, 8A, 8C	52
3.	Haryana	15	160
			57
4.	Orissa	5	28
5.	Punjab	1	40
6.	Rajasthan	8	86
7.	Uttar Pradesh	2	106
8.	West Bengal	2	65
9.	Kerala	47	37
10.	Karnataka	7	25

B. Details of four laning proposed during 1995-96

1.	Andhra Pradesh	5	93
		9	13
2.	Assam	37	5

S.No.	State	NH No.	Length (Km)gr.
3.	Bihar	2	43
4.	Gujarat	8	13
		8c	5
5.	Haryana	8	71
6.	Madhya Pradesh	3	50
7.	Maharashtra	4	3
		8	60
8.	Orissa	5	39
9.	Rajasthan	8	55
10.	West Bengal	2	78
		35	5
11.	Uttar Pradesh	24	33
		2	6

National Technology Mission on Telecommunications

*248. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR
KALITA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Technology Mission launched in April, 1986 has achieved its goals;

(b) if so, what is the number of digital trunk and automatic exchanges which have been modernised and how many public telephones in urban areas with STD/ISD facilities have been installed and how many Directory Enquiry Services in major cities and Fault Repair Services have been computerised; and

(c) what is the mechanism of providing STD/ISD/Public Telephones in Urban as well as rural area.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are furnished as under:

(i) No. of digital—249 (As on date) trunk exchanges modernised

(ii) No. of—7851 (from automatic 1.4.1992 to exchanges 31.3.1995) modernised

(iii) Public —1,02,345 STD Telephone Public telephones with STD/ have been ISD facilities installed have in urban areas been installed in the country as on 31.10.1995.

(iv) Directory —64 major cities Enquiry including Service in metropolitan major cities cities. that have been computerised