

(e) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government of India for providing funds for strengthening the road between Ludhiana and Chandigarh by putting pie-mixed material on the road to make it more smooth and strong as the present road is built by old method which is quite bumpy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Under the Central Road Fund (CRF) no funds were released for Punjab during 1992-93 as also for 1993-94 so far.

(c) No road was approved for development under Central Road Fund during 1992-93.

(d) and (e) During the current financial year, the following two schemes costing Rs. 484.73 lacs have been approved against the accruals as per Old Resolution for Punjab upto the end of 31-3-95 :—

Name of Scheme	Estimated Cost
1. Strengthening Phagwara-Banga-Balachaur road from Km. 0 to 55.400	Rs. 270.17 lacs
2. Strengthening weak pavement and providing hard shoulders Km. 69.50 to 78.56 of Ludhiana-Chandigarh road.	Rs. 214.56 lacs

देश में सड़क दुर्घटनाएँ

1293. श्री राम जेटमसानी :

डा. जिनैन्दा कुमार जैस : क्या अला-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह कहने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 18 जून, 1993 के "दि टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया" में "रोड डेप्स इन इंडिया जॉर्न दि इक्विजि" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है,

(ख) यही हा, तो क्या यह सच है कि देश में वाहनों की संख्या विश्व में कुल वाहनों की संख्या का मात्र एक प्रतिशत है जबकि देश में होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं की संख्या दुनिया भर में होने वाली कुल दुर्घटनाओं का छह प्रतिशत है,

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संकेत में सरकार का आकलन क्या है,

(घ) क्या सरकार वाहन चालकों को दिए जाने वाली प्रशिक्षण के स्तर और सड़कों की दयनीय दशा, जो कि देश में

सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के मुक्त कारण है, सुधारने के लिए कोई कार्य-योजना बना रही है, और

(ङ.) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

अला-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) और (ग) विश्व की वाहन संख्या अथवा विश्व की सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के बारे में प्रामाणिक सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है । तथापि विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन द्वारा विश्व स्वास्थ्य दिवस (7 अप्रैल, 93) के अवसर पर प्रकाशित एक पत्र के अनुसार यह सूचना दी गई है कि सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के कारण प्रति वर्ष 7 लाख व्यक्तियों के जीवन की छानि होती है । वर्ष 1992 के दौरान भारत में मारे गए व्यक्तियों की अनुमानित संख्या 59,000 है ।

(घ) और (ङ.) राष्ट्रीय सड़क सुरक्षा नीति पत्र के मसौरे को अंतिम रूप दिया जा रहा है जिसमें सड़क दुर्घटनाओं—सड़क, वाहन तथा सड़क पर्यावरण के लिए उत्तरदायी सभी तत्वों का ध्यान रखा जाएगा । द्राईवर्स के प्रशिक्षण की गुणवत्ता में सुधार लाने के लिए राज्य सरकारों द्वारा अनेक मॉडल प्रशिक्षण स्कूल पद्धति भी स्थापित किए जा चुके हैं और देश में द्राईविंग कुशलता का स्तर बढ़ाने के लिए एक केन्द्रीय सुगम्य स्थान पर राष्ट्रीय सड़क सुरक्षा संस्थान स्थापित किया जा रहा है तथा इसके अन्तर्गत वीच की 4-5 क्षेत्रीय संस्थान स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है ।

Development Of National Water Way

1294. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development work has been undertaken to the National Water Way (West Coast Canal) after the act was passed by Parliament in August 1992; and

(b) if so, the expected time to be taken for the completion of the development work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The first stage of development works is expected to be completed in 5 years and the balance work such as provision of additional terminals would be taken up commensurate with the growth of traffic, technical considerations and availability of resources.

1295. Transferred to 12th August, 1993]

Repairs of National Highway in Assam

1296. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUM-DAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

- (a) the length and details of National Highways in Assam which require repairs;
- (b) the amount sanctioned for the repair of National Highways during last two years in Assam; and
- (c) the amount released so far to repair the National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER). (a) There are thirteen National Highways viz. National Highway Nos. 31, 31B, 31C, 36, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 40, 44, 51, 52, 53 and 54 with a total length of 2296 Km. in Assam. Maintenance and repairs are continuous activity and are required on the entire National Highway system.

- (b) and (c) The details of amount for maintenance and repairs sanctioned/released for Assam during the last two years are as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	1018.09
1992-93	1039.62

Pluses Issued By D.T.C.

1297. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether buses with blue and cream colours in Delhi were under D.T.C. operation some time back;
- (b) if so, the number of such buses and the date on which these have been put under STA permits;
- (c) whether this situation has affected issuance of passes of different categories by D.T.C.;
- (d) whether Government are aware that such situation has increased the plight of pass holders; and
- (e) if so, details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to increase the fleet of D.T.C. to overcome the grievances of pass holders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) 578 such buses whose contracts were terminated by DTC w.e.f. 31-5-93 have been granted permits by STA, Delhi from 1-6-1993 to

20-7-1993.

- (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) DTC has introduced a new category of general all route pass @Rs. 220/- p.m. and student pass @Rs. 55/- p.m. enabling the pass holders to travel in all city services of DTC including Limited Bus Stop and Green Line services but excluding Palam Coach, Tourist and Inter-State services of DTC. Meanwhile, STA, Delhi has directed these private buses to honour monthly and students passes issued by DTC.

At present, there is no proposal to increase the fleet of DTC.

National Highways Damaged in Punjab and Haryana Due to Flood

1298. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Highways falling in Haryana and Punjab are badly damaged by recent floods in those States;
- (b) if so, what is the extent of damage; and
- (c) steps taken by Government to get them repaired immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Full details of damages and estimates for restoration are awaited from the States. In the meantime an *ad hoc* release of Rs. 50 lakhs for Punjab and Rs. 20 lakhs for Haryana towards flood damages on National Highways have been made.

Construction of Bridges In Assam

1299. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and locations of bridges which were to be constructed in Assam during 1992-93, district-wise;
- (b) the amount sanctioned for each of these projects and the amount spent so far;
- (c) the details of the projects completed and lying incomplete;
- (d) by when these are likely to be