

Road Construction Works in Tamil Nadu

3045. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of on-going road construction works in Tamil Nadu sanctioned by the Central Government under Central Road Fund;

(b) the details and estimated costs involved therein;

(c) the funds allocated by Government for these schemes;

(d) whether the complete amount has been sanctioned by the Central Government; and

(e) if not, the time by when the balance is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Fifteen schemes amounting to Rs. 1066.44 lakh relating to Roads and Bridges are under execution in Tamil Nadu under Central Road Fund.

(c) to (e) Allocation of funds is done under Central Road Fund in lump-sum and not work-wise taking into account the total cost of schemes approved for the State, total funds released previously, inter-se priority on All India basis, requirements projected by the State and availability of budget provision. However, funds released to Tamil Nadu for on-going works under Central Road Fund during the last three years, year-wise is as under:—

Year	Rs. in lakh
1991-92	60.00
1992-93	50.00
1993-94	80.00

Since release of funds under Central Road Fund depends upon the availability of budget provision, it is difficult to indicate the time by when the balance would be released.

Functioning of Major Ports in India

3046. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government - have any plan to improve the functioning of major ports;

(b) whether it is a fact that the turn around time for ships in India compares unfavourably with advanced South-East Asian Countries;

(c) what is the average turn around time for ships in major ports in India;

(d) whether it is a fact that the turn around time has not improved in Indian ports in Eighth Plan; and

(e) if so, what concrete steps Government have taken in Eighth Plan to tackle this problem of shaddy and inefficient handling of loading and unloading of ships?

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

(b) This is true only for Container Vessels.

(c) The average turn round time for ships at Major Ports in India during 1993-94 was 6.9 days.

(d) No Sir, the average turn round time for ships at Major Ports in India has improved from 7.5 days in 1992-93 to 6.9 days in 1993-94.

(e) During the Eight Five Year Plan an out-lay of Rs. 2948.00 crores has been provided for modernising the ports and improving thier productivity.

Construction of Shipyard in Hazira

3047. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to construct a Shipyard in hazira;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government of India have no proposal to construct a Shipyard in Hazira.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expenditure on Advertisement

3048. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what is the total amount spent by your Ministry on advertisement given to the Newspapers direct or through DAVP etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94 language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Report by Central Road Research Institute on Delhi Roads

3049. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE

TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been submitted to Government by the Central Road Research Institute with regard to the conditions of Delhi roads;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action is contemplated by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Capacity of Major Ports

3050. SHRI MD. SALIM:

SHRI DIPANKAR

MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the Eighth plan period, the capacity of major ports proposed to be increased from 169.23 million tonnes to 237.09 million tonnes;

(b) if so, then on the annual growth rate of 6.8% what is the proposed capacity on 31st March, 1994 and what is the actual capacity on the same date;

(c) whether the Eighth Plan target is in consonance with the expected economic growth as envisaged by Government;

(d) whether the proposed capacity takes into account the growth in foreign trade in the light of the GATT, particularly in agro products and textiles;

(e) whether road and rail transport facility will be augmented to keep pace with the anticipated growth which even at a modest growth rate of 8% will be 250 millions on 31st March, 1987; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) It is envisaged to increase the capacity of major ports from 169.23 million tonnes to 237.09 million tonnes on account of development schemes included in the 8th Plan, out of which 216.0 million tonnes is expected to be achieved by the end of 8th Plan.

(b) The actual capacity as on 31.3.94 is around 173.0 million tonnes. It is not possible to compare capacity addition on the basis of annual growth rate.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) While arriving at "proposed capacity, all the traffic projections given by the port users, including agri-products (excluding fisheries which are handled at