

ticket examiners to check ticketless travel in long distance Express Trains;

(b) what is the rough estimated cost of loss per year to the Railways due to ticketless travelling;

(c) the amount collected from ticketless traveller during the years 199 J 91, 1991-92 and upto July, 1992; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to put down ticketless travel in ail trains particularly in Express Trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. here is some need.

(b) The Loss is not quantifiable.

(c) Rs. 25.12 crores, 28.53 crores and 15.43 crores were realised from ticketless travellers during 1990-91, 1991-92 and upto June 1992 (latest available), respectively.

(d) the measures taken to curb ticketless travel include regular surprise! magisterial checks, publicity campaigns through different media and deterrent penalties provided in the new Railways Act. Steps to create additional posts of TTEs etc. are also taken wherever justified.

Improvements in National Highways

3053. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI SURINDER KUMAR; SINGLA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway Network requires considerable improvement;

(b) if so, what is the length of National Highways Network, still single lane or with low-grade surface;

(c) what is the length of National Highways Network which is due for widening to four lane considering the traffic density;

(d) whether Government have any strategy to complete the above works; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Although National Highways in the country are generally in a traffic worthy condition, the network has certain deficiencies. Out of the total length of 33,689 kms, a length of 5636 km is still having single lane or low grade surfacing. Keeping in view the expected growth of traffic by 1995, a length of about 14,900 kms would need four-laning as per the existing capacity norms.

(d) and (e) Development of National Highways is a continuing activity and improvement works are being taken up on the basis of Annual Plans/ Five Year subject to availability of funds. In the 8th Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 2460.00 crores is earmarked for the development of existing National Highways. Due to constraint of resources, it is too early to indicate the time frame for the removal of various deficiencies on N. H. network. For this purpose, it is envisaged to attract private sector participation as well.

हिन्दुस्तान शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड को हुआ घाटा

3054. श्री विनोद शर्मा : क्या जल-मूल परियोजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का एकमात्र हिन्दुस्तान शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड पिछले कई वर्षों से घाटे में चल रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष-वार कितना घाटा होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है ; और

(ग) इसके क्या कारण हैं ?