

Undertakings viz, Coal India Ltd., SAIL, GRSE and other Financial Institutions for office and residential purposes.

N.R.Is. have booked 10 Nos. flats for about 20 thousands sq. fts at Alipore Boat Canal area. Govt. of West Bengal have also requested for 500 flats for distribution among the MIG & LIG applicants at subsidised cost. Some State Governments/Central Government organisations/Ports have also requested to reserve space for them.

Funds for National High Ways in Maharashtra

3988. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need for strengthening bridges and providing bypass on National High Ways on priority basis;

(b) if so, the financial provisions make against the total requirement for such purposes in Maharashtra during the Eighth Five Year Plan, National Highway wise;

(c) the provision of funds for maintenance of National Highways in Maharashtra for the next five years; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to reduce rate of accidents in Maharashtra on National Highways and provide adequate security measures on National Highways in Maharashtra along with other facility/amenities to be provided on National highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Development of National Highways including strengthening of bridges and providing bypasses is a continuous activity and improvement works are taken up keeping in view the existing condition of the National Highways, traffic intensity, interse priority and the availability of funds. Against the projected requirement of Rs. 7830 crore, for the 8th Plan under the Central Sector/Centrally sponsored schemes including National Highways, the

Planning Commission has agreed to an outlay of Rs. 2600 crores. Out of this, an outlay of Rs. 2460 crores is available for National Highways; major portion of this outlay would be utilised for completion of on-going schemes on the existing National Highways. Due to Paucity of funds and large number of development works needing to be taken up in different States including Maharashtra, the Programme for development works in 8th Plan is still to be chalked out in consultation with the Planning Commission.

(c) The provision of funds for maintenance of National Highways is a non-Plan activity and funds are provided on year to year basis, and as such it is not possible to indicate amount likely to be provided during 8th Plan. For the year 1992-93, an allocation of Rs. 1348 lakhs has been made for Maharashtra.

(d) Steps taken/being taken by the Central Government and State Government to reduce accidents on National Highways in the country including those in Maharashtra include engineering, regulatory, enforcement and educational measures. As regards facilities/amenities, truck parking lay byes and passenger oriented wayside facilities are being provided on National Highways in Maharashtra.

Plight of commuters due to Higher proportion of white and green line buses.

3989. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 313 given in Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 92 and state:

(a) the number of ordinary buses plying on each of the routes where White Line buses are also plying;

(b) the over all proportion of ordinary buses, Green Line buses and White Line buses operating in Delhi;

(c) whether Government are aware of the Commuter's plight due to higher proportion of White Line and Green Line buses as compared to ordinary buses; and