

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The proposals of the Road Safety Forum, falling under the jurisdiction of NHAI, have already been studied. Any further suggestions will be duly considered.

Benefits of “Bhuvan”

1142. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently innovated “Bhuvan” by ISRO would be reoriented to simple operations so that common men engaged in deep-sea fishing or deployed to conserve our fast dwindling wild life, are able to derive maximum advantage to improve their efficiency; and

(b) whether an awareness campaign would be launched, through NGOs or similar grass-roots institutions, so that large segment of our poor population are able to benefit from such innovations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) ‘Bhuvan’ is an initiative of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for visualisation of the earth’s terrain through the images taken by the Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) satellites, which also provides linkages to thematic information on land use/land cover; soil; groundwater prospects; potential fishing zones etc., which are useful to the common man.

(b) Awareness Programmes on various initiatives of ISRO are conducted periodically through NGOs as well as Central and State agencies.

Use of internet in space

1143. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether internet is being used anywhere in the space;

(b) if so, the location thereof;

(c) whether India is also making efforts in this regards;

(d) the Ministries, which are using the data banks of the information received from space shuttles;

(e) whether there is any research centre in the Space Department; and

(f) if so, the number of scientists working therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) India is not using internet in any of its space assets. However,