

**[Construction of National Highways
in Maharashtra**

*213. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of highways in Maharashtra recognised by the Central Government as national highways and the number of such highways on which construction work has not yet been completed; and

(b) by when the construction on these highways is likely to be completed ?]

नौवहन और परिवहन संंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) और (ख) महाराष्ट्र राज्य में 9 राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग हैं । राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 13 को छोड़ कर इन राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों, जो मौजूदा सड़कें हैं, में निकट भविष्य में, यातायात की मांग पूरा करन के लिए लगभग 47.00 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत पर सुधार किया जा रहा है । सुधार कार्यों में ये कार्य शामिल हैं—राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 3 पर कालवा, काशली और मलेगांव में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 4 पर कोल्हापुर के निकट पंचगंगा पर, तथा राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 6 पर जलगांव के निकट गिरना नदी पर नये पुलों का निर्माण और सशक्त करके अथवा बिना सशक्त किये दोगली तक चौड़ा करना । ये सुधार कार्य प्रगति के विभिन्न चरणों में हैं और धन, जिसकी कि कमी है, के उपलब्ध होने पर कार्यों के पांचवीं योजना अवधि के अन्त तक पूरा होने की संभावना है ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The State of Maharashtra has nine routes as national highways. These national highways, which are existing roads, are excepting the National Highway No. 13 being improved at an estimated cost of about Rs. 47.00 crores to meet the demand of traffic of the near future. The improvement works include

† [] English translation.

widening to two-lane with or without strengthening and construction of new bridges at Kalwa, Kasheli and Malegaon on National Highway No. 3, across the river Panchganga near Kolhapur on National Highway No. 4, and across the river Girna near Jalgaon on National Highway No. 6. These improvement works are in various stages of progress and funds permitting, of which there is shortage, these are likely to be completed by the end of the Fifth Plan period.]

ISSUE OF PUNJAB MATA COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

*216. DR. V. B. SINGH :

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :
SHRI HARSHDEO MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representation from some Members of Parliament, and others regarding issue of a postage stamp in memory of Punjab Mata, the mother of martyr Sardar Bhagat Singh; and

(b) if so, what is Government's decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The proposal was received from the Punjab Chief Minister and an MLA from U.P. and was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee on 16-12-1975, but the Committee did not recommend the same. However, the proposal is under the consideration of Government.

Minor Ports in Karnataka

*219. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn any programme for the development of minor ports in Karnataka; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Kurwar, Malpe and Bhalakut ports in Karnataka are proposed to be included in the programme ?