

(b) and (c) Bombay Port Trust have recovered about Rs. 35 lakhs by way of demurrage from Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation for the period from November, 1974 to February, 1975 approximately. At Kandla and Cochin Ports, the quantities are lying

in rented open plots or warehouses on monthly hire rent and no demurrage is being charged. Visakhapatnam Port Trust have recovered about Rs. 9,976 as demurrage from Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation during the last one year.

State rent

Quantities of Industrial Raw Materials lying Uncleared at Major Ports

Name of Port	Commodities and Quantities
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Bombay	Stainless steel 250
Madras	Nickle, stainless steel coils, Zinc ingots and steel sheets 356
Kandla	Rock Phosphate 20,009
	Sulphur 3,589
	Muriate of Potash 28,067
	Mono Ammonium Phosphate. 2,450
Cochin	Muriate of Potash 4,500
Visakhapatnam	Rock Phosphate 8,970
	Sulphur 7,690

1768. [Transferred to the 18th March, 1975.]

National Highway No. 39

1769. SHRI I. T. SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway No. 39 had never been broadened except minor repairs.

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the bridges and culverts are unserviceable for heavy traffic; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take and the money allotted for this purpose for 1975-76?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): It is presumed that the Member is having in mind National Highway 39 in Manipur. In that case, the position is as under:—

(a) No, Sir. Widening and strengthening of the N. H. has been in hand in various reaches.

(b) Some of the bridges and culverts, no doubt are weak and need reconstruction;

(c) Strengthening, widening, etc. of the National Highway and reconstruction of weak/narrow bridges and culverts had been provided in the Fourth Plan. Estimates worth over Rs. 2 crore have been sanctioned already. Due to the current financial stringency, the works are allowed to be taken up on a selection priority basis. As repairs allotment for 1975-76 the same can be made only after the budget has been voted by the Parliament.

MIG 25 (Fox Bat) Aircraft for IAF

1770. DR. Z. A. AHMAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an IAF team set up to evaluate the IAF fleet has expressed its view in favour of acquiring Soviet deep penetration aircraft MIG 25 (Fox bat);