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lights on vehicles. As per information received from Delhi Police, details of year-wise challans for unauthorized use of Lights/Sirens are as follows:—

Year	Number of Challans
1997	62
1998	34
1999	5
2000 upto 15/7/2000	7

New National Highways in Madhya Pradesh

†3216. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads in Madhya Pradesh declared as National Highways by the Central Government during the year 1999-2000;

(b) the amount sanctioned during the same year for their upgradation;

(c) the percentage of the target completed till 31st March, 2000;

(d) the roads to be declared as National Highways during the year 2000-2001 alongwith the length thereof in Kilometers; and

(e) the amount allotted or proposed to be allotted for the upgradation of such roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) During 1999-2000, the road Sagar-Kanpur which has a length of 187.4 KM through Madhya Pradesh was declared as National Highway-69. This National Highway was taken over from the State Government during 2000-2001 only.

(b) and (c) Funds are allotted State-wise and not National Highway-wise. Allocation for development and maintenance/

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repairs of all National Highways in Madhya Pradesh during 1999-2000 was Rs. 97.26 crore and Rs. 65.73 crore respectively.

(d) and (e) The proposals are in preliminary stage and as such no details can be given.

Widening of National Highways in Assam

3217. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance granted by the Central Government during the last three years to Assam for road widening works on National Highways;

(b) the present status of various National Highways in the State; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) National Highways are the responsibility of the Government of India therefore, there is no question of financial assistance for development of National Highways.

(b) Total length of National Highways in Assam is 2706 km out of which 742 km is single lane, 95 km intermediate lane and 1869 km is double lane.

(c) Development of National Highways is continuous process and projects are taken up depending upon availability of funds, traffic intensity and *inter-se* priority.

Bridges on National Highways in Tamil Nadu

3218. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges constructed on National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last two years;

(b) the number of bridges which are going to be constructed during the current year; and

(c) the details thereof?