

DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES IN GUJARAT

1500. SHRI I. K. KALNIA : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be

pleased to state :

(a) the amount sought by the different States during the year 1971-72 and 1972-73 for drinking water schemes ;

(b) the funds allotted to the States, and out of which how much is allotted as loan and grant ;

(c) whether the State Government of Gujarat have asked for special assistance and if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter by the Central Government; and

(d) the number of villages and cities in rural and urban areas of the State of Gujarat and in Saurashtra region which have no source of drinking water ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA): (a) to (d) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

CONSTRUCTION OF COASTAL HIGHWAYS

1510. SHRI I. K. KALANIA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the state-wise length of the coastal highways and constructed coastal highways during the Fourth Plan period :

(b) the details of allocation made for coastal highways to the different States, its utilisation and progress of constructing roads in Kilometres achieved during the Fourth Plan period in all the States;

(c) whether Government have any allocated funds for constructing coastal highways ;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to distribute it amongst the States; and

(e) what actions Government propose to take to expedite the construction of coastal highways to improve transport system and for the purpose of defence in the whole country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) to (e) The Government of India are primarily responsible for roads declared as National Highways. All roads other than National Highways in the States, including coastal highways, are essentially the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. The Government of India have no specific funds for coastal highways as such. However, in order to assist the State Governments concerned in the development of certain specific State roads in the coastal areas, the Government of India have been sanctioning financial assistance in selected cases in the Fourth Plan against the provision for Roads of Inter-State or Economic Importance by way of 100% loan. The following loans were approved for the execution of road works on coastal routes in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat in the Fourth Five Year Plan.

East Coast Road in Tamil Nadu

Name of Scheme	Length Km. or no. of bridges	Cost (Rs. lakhs)
1. Mahabalipuram-Markanam road	40	14.00
2. Major bridges on Mahabalipuram-Markanam road	3 bridges	65.00
3. Bridges on East Coast Road.		
(a) Muttupet-Mimisal	97.50 19 bridges	132.00
(b) Mimisal-Tonda	37.63 8 bridges	
(c) Tonda-Tiruppalagudi	34.28 10 bridges	
(d) Tiruppalagudi-Devipattanam	12.50 1 bridge	
TOTAL		261.00