

rural people about air pollution which *inter-alia* includes a programme titled, 'Paryavaran Darslian' telecast during June, 2010- July, 2012 at a cost of Rs.16.30 crores (approx.) at DD National and 18 regional centres of Doordarshan in 12 vernacular languages to create mass awareness in urban and rural areas. The programme was coordinated by the CPCB. Environment has been included as a subject as part of curriculum at school level for students.

Roads/stretches to be declared as NHs in Andhra Pradesh

*324. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals to declare 48 roads/stretches for declaring them as National Highways in the last three years and the current year; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Ministry on the same?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a part of Government Mandate to declare 10000 Kms of routes/road stretches as new National Highways, keeping in view the requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, the Ministry has already declared 10000 Kms of roads/routes as new National Highways. Out of the above, about 1817 Kms are in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Misbehaviour with Indian diplomat in America

†*325. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken cognizance of the incident of misbehaviour with an Indian woman diplomat by the United States of America;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the action taken by Government in protest of this incident;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been such incidents of misbehaviour with Indian diplomats, politicians and other eminent people in the United States of America earlier also, if so, the details thereof; and

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