

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

**National Food Processing Policy.**

\*201. SHRI PANKAJ  
CHOWDHARY:  
SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGNIHOTRI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final draft on the National Food Processing Policy has been prepared;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof;

(c) whether discussions were held with the State Governments before finalising the draft policy; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d). The food processing industry is being developed within the broad parameters of the Industrial Policy of the Government. After having completed the first round of consultations with the State Governments and others, a framework for developing the new policy measures to address various issues for accelerated development of food processing industries with an objective of augmenting employment opportunities and income both in rural and urban areas, reduce post-harvest losses, establish productive linkage between the industry and the farmers, increase export of processed foods and

generally support the productive efforts of agriculture and allied activities has been prepared which will be finalised after further discussion with the State Governments, sister Ministries, etc.

[English]

**Expressways**

\*205. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:  
SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to identify Expressways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted for the construction of Expressways;

(d) the total estimated length of each of these Expressways and the cost thereof; and

(e) the time by which work on these Expressways is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e). Yes, Sir. Based on density of traffic and techno-economic considerations, about 10, 200 km of high density routes have been identified under an ADB (Asian Development Bank) financed study for development as Expressways in the country for a time horizon upto the year 2015. Of these, the Expressway routes as per following details have been identified as priority routes by the year 2000: