

SMUGGLING OF VINTAGE CARS

1504. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN :
 SHRI MAHESH KUMAR
 KANODIA :

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the press report captioned "Vintage Car sold despite Indian plea" appearing in the "Times of India" dated July 12, 1991 that rare and precious Vintage cars like 1912 Brooks Swan belonging to Nabha Palace are being smuggled out and put up for auction abroad; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAM-ESHWAR THAKUR : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In this connection, four persons including one foreign national, who are in-

involved in the case, have been detained under COFEPOSA.

CALICUT BYE-PASS

1505. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the dates on which administrative and other sanctions were accorded to Calicut bye-pass on National Highway No. 17;

(b) in how many phases, the work is proposed to be completed;

(c) the amount allotted for different phases of the project; and

(d) the progress made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : (a) to (c) Calicut bye-pass (about 28 km long) on NH-17 is proposed to be taken up in four phases. The dates of sanction of land acquisition estimates are as under :—

	Sanctioned cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date of sanction
Phase I	102.78	20.10-86
Phase II	818.09	21-3-91
Phase III }	419.86	8-2-90
Phase IV }		

(d) Construction of phase I of the by-pass (length 7.25 km) is included in the Annual Plan for sanction at a cost of Rs. 1140 lakhs. In the other three phases, land acquisition is still in progress.

TELLICHERRY-MAHE BYE-PASS

1506. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the dates on which administrative and other sanctions were accorded to Tellicherry-Mahe bye-pass;

(b) in how many phases, the work is proposed to be completed;

(c) the amount allotted for different phases of the project; and

(d) the progress made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Tellicherry-Mahe by-pass (18 km long) on NH 17 is proposed to be taken up in two phases after land has been acquired. Land Acquisition Estimate for Phase I (8 km) in Kerala amounting to Rs. 425.89 lacs was sanctioned on 30th March 1990 and land is being acquired by the State Govt. In Phase II (10 km) about 2 kms pass through Pondicherry. Modified estimates for land acquisition for Phase II are awaited from Pondicherry