

Council, who are major maritime powers, have not been participating in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. Without their presence, the UN Conference on the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace would not be able to take meaningful decisions.

(c) No alternative Conference under UN auspices or encompassing all the littoral countries of the Indian Ocean is under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

#### External Assistance for Repair of Roads

890. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the State Government had sent proposals through Union Government to World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Japanese Government for sanction of financial aid for repair of roads;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have been able to secure the loans from the above sources;

(c) the quantum of loan secured from these world bodies so far; and

(d) the time by which these loans are likely to be provided to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Proposals from some State Governments have been received to obtain loan assistance from World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Japanese Government for improvement of State roads. However, no financial aid has so far been secured. It is too early to indicate the time which the loans are likely to be provided.

#### Expansion of National Highways in A.P.

891. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH:  
SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the National Highways in Andhra Pradesh are under the process of expansion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Four laning from Km. 358/0 to 395/875 of Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam section and Km. 0 to 2.80 Visakhapatnam-Bhubaneswar section of National Highway No. 5 is in progress in Andhra Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 83.33 crores. The project is targetted to be completed by 31st January, 1997.

[Translation]

#### Export of Steel by SAIL

892. SHRI PREM CHAND RAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India is exporting high quality steel; and

(b) if so, the names of the importing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) During the current financial year 1994-95, SAIL has exported prime quality mild steel to the following countries:

China, Japan, Malaysia, USA, Indonesia, Korea, Nepal, Hongkong, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bangladesh, UAE, Canada, Spain, Germany, Australia and Italy.

(ii) SAIL has also exported stainless steel to the following countries during the year 1994-95:

Taiwan, Germany, USA, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Holland, Hong Kong, Italy, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and West Asian countries.

#### Funds provided to States for Power Projects

893. SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have provided funds to Madhya Pradesh for power generation during 1994-95; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILLABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The power sector outlay for the state of Madhya Pradesh for the year 1994-95 is Rs. 817.16 crores out of which the outlay for power generation is Rs. 443.81 crores.

[English]

#### Speed Post Network

894. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be please to state:

(a) the steps proposed to be taken to upgrade and expand speed post facilities in various States in competition with the private parties and funds provided for the same;

(b) whether the Government have received a report from Experts Committee on expansion and modernisation of speed post network in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(d) the names of the places already covered and the places proposed to be covered under the speed post scheme in Goa during the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Various steps are being taken to upgrade the Speed Post service to compete with private couriers as: