

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2  
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2000  
WIDENING DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN A.P  
Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has met him in the month of May, 2000;
- (b) if so, whether he has been urged to take up widening and development work of National Highways in the States at a cost of Rs.300 crore;
- (c) the details of Central assistance sought in laying 195 km long Hyderabad bypass express way;
- (d) whether his ministry was also urged to ensure adequate work orders for the Hindustan Shipyard Limited at Visakhapatnam; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) to (b) In a memorandum handed over to Minister (SFT) during May, 2000 the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh has requested for sanction of road widening and improvement works costing Rs. 95.29 crore.
- (c) Central assistance of Rs. 400 crore has been sought for construction of 195 Km long Hyderabad bypass expressway.
- (d) & (e) Yes Sir. For ensuring adequate work orders for Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam, it was urged,
  - (i) to issue instructions to SCI, DCI etc. for placement of orders on nomination basis;
  - (ii) re-introduction of Pari-Passu obligations;
  - (iii) provide adequate funds for salary and wages; and
  - (iv) revise pricing formula to attract ship owners.

The revised shipbuilding pricing policy inter-alia, envisaging shipbuilding subsidy both for domestic and export orders is already in vogue w.e.f. 14.8.97. Action has also been initiated to further modify the policy so as to help the shipyards obtain more shipbuilding orders. Government has, however, been helping the Public Sector Shipyards, including HSL, in the matter of obtaining orders. Various Ports and PSUs under this Ministry have been requested to consider the feasibility of placing orders on Public Sector Shipyards for their requirements on nominations basis or on tender basis, as may be decided by the respective Boards. This has helped HSL to improve its order book position. At present, there is no proposal from HSL to seek non-plan assistance from Govt. for salary and wages of their employees.