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24. West Bengal £		46832298	34389847	73.43
25. Andaman & Nicobar Islands £		231928	177810	76.67
26. Chandigarh		533222	375406	70.4
27. Dadra & Nagar Haveli		95832	62950	65.69
28. Daman & Diu #		71931	45645	63.00
29. NCT of Delhi		8313868	5705390	68.62
30. Lakshadweep		36738	31032	84.47
31. Pondicherry		665486	555675	83.50
32. J & K		Not notified under Sec. 61A of the R.P. Act, 1951		
All India		597748773	361722284	60.51

Note : \$ 15.4.98 * 15.5.98 # 15.8.98
 & 30.8.98 £ 30.9.98

@ In Mizoram the work has not yet commenced.

[Translation]

Condition of Highways

1276. DR. CHINTA MOHAN :

DR. SUSHIL INDORA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Highways in pitiable condition, says study" appearing in the 'Business Standard' dated November 9, 1998;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In spite of the budgetary constraints, efforts are made to keep all the national highways in the country in traffic worthy conditions within the available resources.

[English]

Vijjeswaram Stage-II Project in A.P.

1277. SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Vijjeswaram Stage-II Project in Andhra Pradesh is pending on account of sanction

and supply of Naphtha to the Power Project has been adversely affected; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken to get the Naphtha sanctioned to overcome and the power shortage in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) The Vijjeswaram Stage-II power project (172 MW) of Andhra Pradesh Gas Power Corporation Ltd. (APGPCL) has already been given naphtha allocation. Further, APGPCL have informed in October, 1998 that the project has already been commissioned.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Purchase of Equipments

1278. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of equipments purchased by the Central Mining Research Institute and Central Fuel Research Institute during the last three years;

(b) the cost thereof and the details of each equipment separately;

(c) whether these institutions already have such equipments;

(d) if so, the reasons for purchasing them again; and

(e) whether any action has been taken against those responsible for making these unnecessary purchases?