

Working Hours of Branch Post Offices

*419. PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the maximum daily working hours of Branch Post Offices;

(b) whether the Branch Post Master of a Branch Post Office is provided salary on the basis of and in proportion to his presence in Post Office; and

(c) if so, the maximum working hours for which salary is paid to him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) 5 hours.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Master Plan for Construction of National Highways

*420. SHRI LALIT VIJOY SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Master Plan for construction of National highways in India and eight inter-state Highways connecting the States of U.P., Bihar, West Bengal and Nepal border were recommended for inclusion in the Master Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any of these roads have been declared as National Highways and taken up for construction;

(d) if not, whether there is any proposal

for construction of these roads or any one of these roads;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) and (b). There is no Master Plan for National Highways as such. Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the 20-year Road Development Plan (1981-2001) prepared in 1984 by a group of Chief Engineers under the aegis of the Indian Roads Congress. Proposals made in this 20-Year Plan are only recommendatory in nature.

(c) to (f). Do not arise.

Extension of Expressway from Vadodara to Bombay

*421. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for extension of Expressway from Vadodara to Bombay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, there is a proposal for carrying out feasibility study of an Expressway from Vadodara to Bombay at a cost of about Rs. 1.3 crores.

Seizure of Heroin in Delhi

*422. SHRI P. NARSA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether heroin worth Rs. 9 crores