

**Proposal to Levy Fee on National Highways**

1308. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:  
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to levy fee on some of the National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is too early to indicate the details about levy of fees as it will depend upon intensity of traffic and rate of fees to be charged from the users keeping in view the various factors. The fee is proposed to be levied to augment the resources.

**Head Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh**

1309. SHRI LOKENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Madhya Pradesh which do not have Head Post Offices;

(b) whether Government propose to open at least one Head Post Office in each district preferably at district headquarters; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Panna and Datia Dis-

tricts.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

**Irrigated Land**

1310. SHRI LOKENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the national average of irrigated land through Government resources during 1989-90;

(b) the average of irrigated land through Government resources in Panna and Damoh districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to bring such backward districts at par with the national average of irrigated land through Government resources?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) According to the latest Land Use Statistics (1986-87), the net area irrigated in the country was 43.049 m. ha. of which area irrigated through Government sources was 23.628 m. ha. approximately.

(b) District level information is not maintained at the Centre.

(c) A number of irrigation projects are under construction in the country and on their completion more areas including those in backward districts can be brought under irrigation.

**Proposal for Declaration of Gwalior-Rewa Highway as National Highway**

1311. SHRI LOKENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: