

Financial Assistance for Construction of a New National Highway Between Manipur and Assam from Kangpokpi to Diphu

671. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Manipur have requested the Union Government for financial assistance for construction of a new National Highway between Manipur and Assam from Kangpokpi to Diphu ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, whether Government are aware that the present outlet from Imphal via Dimapur is inadequate and needs another alternative road to touch the Tinsukia Mail and Assam Mail rail lines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India are primarily concerned with the roads declared as National Highways only. Since the alternative road mentioned by the Hon'ble Member would form a part of State road network, the State Governments of Manipur and Assam are responsible for its construction and ancilliary matters.

Conducting Hydrogeology Survey in the Country

672. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to conduct hydrogeology survey in the country and particularly in drought prone and tribal areas of the country to develop ground water resources ;

(b) if so, steps taken in this respect and the result achieved ; and

(c) the details of the area likely to be surveyed and by when this work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c). The Ground Central Water Board is already conducting hydrogeological surveys, in the country, including the drought prone and tribal areas for planning the development of ground water resources. Under these surveys, out of a total geographical area of 32.88 lakh square kilometres of the country, the Board has already covered upto the end of Sixth Five Year Plan an area of 20.32 lakh square kilometres, including drought prone and tribal areas. The balance area is proposed to be covered by hydrogeological surveys and other modern techniques like remote sensing during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Note on Health Education by Indian Council of Medical Research

673. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research has prepared a note on health education ;

(b) if so, whether this note is critical of the outcome of the preventive medical care education provided to some villages ;

(c) whether Government are proposing reorganising preventive medical care particularly in villages ; and

(d) if so, details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) However, ICMR have recently received a study report from an Investigator in receipt of a study grant from ICMR in which some shortcomings in the health education programme in three states have been highlighted.

(c) and (d) ICMR are yet to appraise the report, the methodology used and the validity of the conclusions drawn. It is, therefore, premature to consider taking any action.