

fire agreement operating there and because of the fact that the Indian security forces have been immobilised. In order to curb this, he wants the local police force to be strengthened. What have the Government done in the matter?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : I have said that whatever they ask for, we will try to give them.

SHRI D. C. SHARMA : There is no doubt that though the armed forces are not immobilised there, their usefulness is restricted, because of the directions issued from the Ministries here and also on account of the fact that we have not been able to bring about stability in Nagaland with the negotiations we have undertaken. Is it not in our interest that the Border Security Police which works in all such States should be strengthened there and they should receive the kind of training which the Army personnel for operations at high altitudes?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : The Border Security Force does exist and they do get the sort of training necessary wherever they happen to be posted.

### मनाली-लेह सड़क

\*1413. श्री कुशोक बाकुला : क्या रक्षा मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मनाली-लेह सड़क का निर्माण कार्य शुरू हो गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब से; और

(ग) इसका निर्माण कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The road is being constructed from both ends. The work started from Himachal Pradesh end in September 1964 and from Ladakh end in June 1965.

(c) It is expected that a fair weather Ton road will be constructed by December 1969.

श्री कुशोक बाकुला : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वह मनाली-लेह सड़क, कारगिल में पाकिस्तान के हमले और लेह में चीन के हमले को दृष्टि में रखते हुए उसे जल्द से जल्द बना कर पूरा करने के लिए वह क्या कदम उठा रहे हैं ?

दूसरे जो उस के नजदीक ही पड़ती है और जो लेह और जंस्कार के बीच में रास्ता पड़ता है वह रोड भी बनाने की उन की कोई योजना है ? तो उस के लिये कितना रुपया रक्खा गया है चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में ?

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA : About this road, we have kept about Rs. 20 crores for it, and the work is expeditiously done, in spite of the fact that there are lots of difficulties, because for nearly six months the land is not available for our workmen.

SHRI RANGA : He has not answered it. He has suggested another road to be laid, and what is it that they are trying to do about it.

श्री कुशोक बाकुला : लेह और मनाली की जो सड़क है, जंस्कार तहसील उस के नजदीक पड़ती है। तो क्या जंस्कार को उस से जोड़ने के लिये कोई सड़क वहाँ बनाने की योजना है, और अगर है तो वह कब से शुरू होगी ?

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA : I do not have that information at the moment. This road is about 276 miles in length.

MR. SPEAKER : I am told he is asking about some other road.

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA : I would not be able to give the answer now.

श्री कुशोक बाकुला : मैंने लेह मनाली रोड के पास जो जंस्कार तहसील पड़ती है उस की मिलाने वाली सड़क के बारे में पूछा था।

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA : At least let him mention the names which this road

is going to connect, and then I will be able to give him some information.

**श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :** माननीय सदस्य ने नाम तो बतलाया है कि लेह से मनाली की सड़क है।

**SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :** For a long time it has been suggested to the Government that this road should be built. It is good that now, after all, they have started the construction of this road linking Manali with Leh via Rohtang pass. May I know whether the road alignment selected so far passes near Himachal and the area which is now under the occupation of the Chinese, and that it has been suggested by certain leaders of Ladakh that the alignment might be changed so that the road does not pass near the border which is not really Chinese but which has now come under the occupation of China?

Secondly, may I know whether the road from the Manali end has been completed at least up to Lahaul and whether it has become motorable or not?

**SHRI M. R. KRISHNA :** The work of construction from Manali end started in September, 1964. Already, in February, 1968, about 178 miles of the road have already been constructed. The remaining part of the road has to be completed by 1969.

**SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :** The question is whether the road from Manali to Keiling in Lahaul has become motorable or not.

**SHRI M. R. KRISHNA :** All these roads will be fair-weather roads. (*Interruptions*).

**SHRI M. R. KRISHNA :** Fair-weather road means it is motorable.

#### Industrial Production

\*1415. **SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision has been taken to replace the current official index for industrial production with 1956 as

base by a new series with 1960 as base ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revision has been made to improve the coverage of items included in the index. The change of base to a more recent period with a better coverage is expected to reflect more adequately the progress in the production level of India's diversified industrial economy.

**SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :** This is a good decision, but there is another point at present there are different base years for different commodities ; for example, for industrial production, the base year is 1956 ; for wholesale prices, it is 1952 ; similarly, for agriculture and industrial prices, the base year is 1950 and 1961 respectively. There is a wide variation in the number of base years. May I, therefore, ask from the Prime Minister (a) whether there is a policy to automatically change the index references when conditions substantially change and (b) whether there is also a policy to bring all the economic indices under identical computation ?

**DR SAROJINI MAHISHI :** The Central Technical Council advised that the base should be as recent as possible. That means, the whole index numbers should be brought up-to-date. And in accordance with that, efforts are being made to bring the base of the economic indices up-to-date. As the hon. Member knows, the base was started with 1946 and it consisted of 35 items at that time ; when it was shifted to 1951 it consisted of 85 items ; in 1956, it covered 201 items, and after that, in 1960, it will be covering 320 items. Therefore, the base year changes according to the industrial pattern and also a change in the structure of the industrial progress and diversified economy of the country.

**SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :** I am very sorry ; she just possibly read the answer that was given by the department. I myself said that it is good. I asked whether there was a policy to bring the indices to