

Shri C. Subramaniam: It is expected to produce 12,500 tons of high pressure and other vessels and 25,000 tons of heavy structurals.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Subodh Hansda: One question.

Mr. Speaker: He did not stand for the second time when I looked at him. I wanted to give him two opportunities, but he stood only once. He has made up his mind afterwards to stand up again!

Shri Subodh Hansda: I stood twice.

Pilgrims to Badrinath

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Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that pilgrims from all over India have been asked by Uttar Pradesh Government not to visit Badrinath as the road is not in proper condition; and

(b) if so, what steps Government of India are taking to remove the deteriorating condition of the said road to give relief to the pilgrims of India?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):
 (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The improvement of the road has been taken up on a planned basis so that pilgrims may visit Badrinath in reasonable safety.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know by what time the construction work is likely to be over so that the pilgrims may be able to go to Badrinath?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Actually there is no prohibition. The U.P. Government has advised pilgrims not to resort to it unless it is necessary. We hope to make the necessary improvements and so on to make the road

reasonably safe. It will take, I think, about a year.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Is the Minister aware of the fact that the first toll of lives has already been taken and two pilgrims have died on the way to Badrinath? If so, may I know what steps are being taken to prohibit further pilgrims from going to Badrinath?

Shri Raghuramaiah: I do not know whether my hon. friend is referring to certain car accidents which took place. Enquiries reveal that these accidents took place where the road is straight and not in any dangerous condition. There too, they were private operators. But on the whole, improvements have been considered necessary and they are making them as quickly as possible.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether it is a fact that thousands of pilgrims are at present waiting at Hardwar and whether any interim arrangement has been made to repair the roads so that they may go on foot?

Shri Raghuramaiah: We are now talking of improvements to the road. If there are pilgrims waiting there, the advice of the U.P. Government is they should avoid it as much as they can.

Shri Ansar Harvani: Has the Government instituted any enquiry against those engineers and contractors who were responsible for building the road which resulted in so many accidents.

Mr. Speaker: Those accidents are not connected here.

Dr. Govind Das: Does the Minister remember that last year there were three very serious accidents and these accidents were on account of the mountains there and on account of the lorry service? Is there any danger of such accidents even this year?

Shri Raghuramaiah: I have already explained that the accidents actually took place on a stretch of road which is straight and which is not dangerous.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: May I know since when the Defence Ministry has taken over the pilgrim road to Badrinath and what is the extent of their control, to what extent they are responsible for the maintenance of this road and what sort of control they exercise?

Shri Raghuramalah: The overall control of this road has been taken over when other border roads were taken over. The actual work on the road is done by the State PWD, but we finance it and the overall control rests with the Government of India.

Shri Shyam Lal Saraf: It is evident from the reply of the Minister that pilgrims are not prohibited from going to that area. But all the same, if the pilgrims go to that side, is the Government prepared to give this assurance that they would be safe?

Mr. Speaker: The U.P. Government has advised them not to go for the present. That advice has been given.

श्री ज० ब० सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि आजकल ऋषिकेश में कितने लोग रुके हुए हैं जोकि इस इंतजार में हैं कि कब सड़क बने और कब वे बदरीनाथ की यात्रा करें।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह बताना तो मुश्किल होगा। मालूम नहीं वजीर साहब इसका जवाब दे सकते हैं या नहीं।

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is not a fact that huge amounts were spent on the maintenance of this road at the time of the visit of the President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad? May I know whether any enquiry has been conducted into the amounts which were wrongly spent regarding the construction of the road?

Mr. Speaker: That is not relevant here.

शारीरिक शिक्षा तथा युवक कल्याण सम्बन्धी सभासदय समिति

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श्री दी० चं० शर्मा :

क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ समय पहले शारीरिक शिक्षा, मनोरंजन व युवक-कल्याण की विभिन्न योजनाओं में समन्वय स्थापित करने के उद्देश्य से एक समिति की नियुक्ति की गई थी; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस समिति ने अपने कार्य में अब तक क्या प्रगति की है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली)

(क) जी हाँ।

(ख) समिति की ड्राफ्ट-रिपोर्ट तैयार की जा रही है।

I shall also read the answer in English.

(a) Yes sir.

(b) The draft report of the Committee is under preparation.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : कुछ खेल जैसे फुटबाल, क्रिकेट आदि ज्यादा खर्चीले हैं और दूसरे खेल जैसे कबड्डी वगैरह कम खर्चीले हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार ने इन खेलों का कोई वर्गीकरण किया है कि देहात में ऐसे खेल खिलाए जायेंगे जो कम खर्चीले होंगे और शहरों में ऐसे खेल रखे जाएँ जो ज्यादा खर्चीले होंगे ?

डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली : यह प्रश्न तो कमेटी की रिपोर्ट के सम्बन्ध में है और कमेटी की क्या सिफारिश होगी यह मेरे लिए कहना जरा मुश्किल है। इसलिए मैं माननीय सदस्य से निवेदन करूँगा कि जब तक रिपोर्ट न आ जाये तब तक वह इन्तिजार करें।