

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member may carry on his progapanda in favour of Banaras during the Food debate.

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** संगड़ा बनारस का काम नहीं है, वह तो नार्थ बिहार का है।

**Shrimati Renuka Ray:** Malda.

**Shri Tyagi:** Saharanpur has its importance.

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** There is already a Fruit Research Station at Saharanpur, which has done a considerable amount of work on various fruits and has benefited the whole of U. P., particularly Dehra Dun, because it is very near Saharanpur.

The idea is to set up the main regional station at a place where already some considerable work has been done. We have sub-stations also. We are prepared to take up the question of Banaras or any other place wherever there is need for it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Why are hon. Members satisfied with mere paper mangoes?

#### National Highways in Bombay

\*1250. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) where any new National Highways are to be constructed in Second Five Year Plan in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are they and the total amount to be spent thereon?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) & (b). While no new National Highways are proposed to be included in the system of National Highways in Bombay State, it is proposed to construct about 300 miles of missing links in the existing National Highways in the State. The cost of these works is estimated at Rs. 296.0 lakhs.

**Shri Assar:** Is Government aware that the Bombay Government has stopped the construction of Bombay Goa Road on account of no grant being given by the Central Government?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** If the hon. Member is referring to the West Coast Road, that is being financed by the Centre and we give such finances as we get from the Finance Ministry or the Planning Commission.

**Shri P. R. Patel:** May I know when construction of roads in north Gujerat was commenced and when it will be completed? How many years will they take?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** If the hon. Member points out the particular National Highway to which he refers, I will be able to give specific information.

**Shri Sonavane:** May I know what efforts are made to keep the Highways in a running condition because these Highways are flooded during monsoon, particularly near Sholapur City?

**Mr. Speaker:** Does he refer to the new National Highway?

**Shri Sonavane:** No, Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** Then how does it arise out of this question?

**Shri Dasappa:** Is it a fact that the additional profit, which the S.T.C. earned by way of the cement deal, to the extent of Rs. 5 crores is going to make any difference in the allotment to the various States? Would the allotments be enhanced?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** The hon. Member should wait till tomorrow. Probably we may be able to say something on this matter in connection with our schemes.

**Shri Yajnik:** May I know why the Bombay-Ahmedabad national highway has not been completed after all these years?

**Mr. Speaker:** How do these questions arise out of this?

**Shri Yajnik:** National highways in Bombay.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member would kindly read the question: (a) Whether any new National Highways are to be constructed in Second Five Year Plan in Bombay.

**Shri Yajnik:** This is a new one because it is not finished yet. It has been hanging fire for the last 20 years. It was first announced to be made in 1937 when first the Ministry took charge.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Minister may satisfy the Member.

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I do not know whether I will be able to satisfy the hon. Member. I can only inform him that the Bombay State has as many as 9 National Highways criss-crossing the area. The Ahmedabad-Kandla National Highway No. 8A happens to be one. We get finances as I said out of the grants sanctioned by Parliament and we are trying to spend them on the National highways in our charge.

**Shri Yajnik:** I am asking about the Bombay-Ahmedabad highway.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there that highway?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** As far as my list shows, there are: Bombay-Agra; Bombay-Madras-Bangalore; Bombay-Calcuta; Banaras—Cape Comorin via Nagpur; Bombay-Delhi via Jaipur; Ahmedabad-Kandla; Rajkot-Porbandar; Poona-Vijayawada-Hyderabad; Nasik-Poona. These are the highways.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is not there.

**Shri Assar:** When will the amounts be allotted to the State Government?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** They are allotted from year to year within the provisions of the Budget.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question: Shri Achar.

**Shri P. R. Patel:** As has been stated by the hon. Minister.....

**Mr. Speaker:** I have already called the next question.

#### Sign Boards on Railway Stations

\*1251. **Shri Achar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sign boards of the railway stations between Manjeshwar and Kasargode stations have been recently changed from Kannada language into Malayalam;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kannada was used till recently ever since this railway line was opened in 1906; and

(c) the reasons why this change was made?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) Names in Kannada script have been there for a long time.

(c) A change was made consequent on the inclusion of this area in Kerala State.

Kannada script in sign boards is however, being restored in view of the fact that this language has also been accepted by the Kerala Government as a Regional language of the area.

**Shri Achar:** May I know in which of the stations they are going to be restored?

**Mr. Speaker:** Has he got a list of these stations?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Yes.

**Mr. Speaker:** How many?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Five. The names of the stations are: Kasargod, Kudubu halt, Kumbla, Mangalapadi and Manjeshwar.