

incurred on them during the year 1950-51 (which is the latest year for which actuals are available) are given below:

(Figures in thousands of Rupees.)

	Income	Expenditure.
1. Telegraph Branch .	5,94,65	5,16,38
2. Telephone Branch .	9,08,73	5,26,47

(b) No.

(c) No. Under the Five Year Plan commencing from the 1st April, 1951, it is proposed to take telephones to all places where the project is expected to be remunerative and, in particular, to install telephone exchanges at all places with over 30,000 population and to open Public Call Offices at places with more than 20,000 population. The plan is of course subject to the availability of funds and equipment.

### केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग नौगाव

\*१६२६ श्री आर० एस० तिवारी :

(क) क्या यातायात मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि विन्ध्य प्रदेश में से कौन कौन से विभिन्न राजमार्ग गुजरते हैं ?

(ख) इन राजमार्गों की लम्बाई क्या है तथा इन पर प्रति वर्ष कितना व्यय होता है ?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) and (b). Banaras-Rewa-Cape Comorin Road (National Highway No. 7) length 130 miles; Allahabad-Rewa Road (National Highway No. 27) length 32 miles and Jhansi-Saugor-Lakhnadon Road (National Highway No. 26) length 2 miles. The expenditure on the maintenance and repairs of the first two roads was Rs. 2.88 lakhs in 1950-51 and Rs. 2.82 lakhs in 1951-52. The two mile stretch of the third road in Vindhya Pradesh is being maintained by the Uttar Pradesh P.W.D. The figures of annual expenditure thereon are not readily available, but the expenditure in this stretch is probably of the order of Rs. 6,000 *per annum*.

### KONKAN-BELGAUM RAILWAY LINE

\*1627. **Major-General Bhonsle:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is proposed to undertake the construction of a railway in the near future for linking the Colaba and Ratnagiri Districts (Konkan coast line) with Bombay and Belgaum?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** No such proposal is under consideration at present.

### NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN MADHYA PRADESH

\*1628. **Shri Kirolikar:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state what are the National Highways in Madhya Pradesh State maintained by the Government of India?

(b) How much grant was given to the Madhya Pradesh State as their share of the maintenance cost of these National Highways for the years 1950-51 and 1951-52?

(c) What amount was spent in the repairs of Raipur-Chichola portion of the National Highway in 1950-51 and 1951-52?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) Bombay-Nagpur-Calcutta National Highway No. 6; Banaras-Nagpur-Cape Comorin National Highway No. 7; Jhansi-Saugor-Lakhnadon National Highway No. 26; and Raipur-Vizianagram National Highway No. 43.

(b) Rs. 14.62 lakhs in 1950-51 and about Rs. 18.00 lakhs in 1951-52.

(c) About Rs. 75.600 during 1950-51 and Rs. 74.700 during 1951-52.

### BRIDGE OVER JUMNA

\*1629. **Seth Achal Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether a proposal is under consideration to construct a National Highway Bridge over the River Jumna at Agra, if so, when?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** Yes, but the bridge has a low priority as a road-cum-rail bridge already exists over the Jumna at Agra.

### CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION AT AGRA

\*1630. **Seth Achal Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether a proposal is under consideration to construct a Central Railway Station at Agra and if so, when?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** A proposal for providing a Central Railway Station at Agra was considered, but was not found to be practicable from the operational point of view and was, therefore, dropped.

### SURVEY OF RAILWAY LINES IN NELLORE DISTRICT

\*1631. **Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state: