

LOK SABHA DEBATES
(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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LOK SABHA

Monday, 25th March, 1957

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Bombay Mangalore National Highway

*56. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made in the construction of Bombay Mangalore Coastal National Highway; and

(b) when it will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) A statement showing the progress made on the Bombay-Mangalore Coastal road which is not a National Highway is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 1].

(b) During the third five-year plan period.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: The statement shows that only 9 miles have been constructed. May I know how many miles of the highway have actually been constructed so far?

Shri Alagesan: In the statement, the mileage constructed wherever there were missing links has been shown. But it has also to be seen that the mileage improved comes to 70 miles and the mileage under improvement comes to 293 miles.

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Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know how many miles more are to be constructed to complete this highway?

Shri Alagesan: There is a road existing already. I can say that the number of miles to be improved comes to 267 miles, and the number of bridges to be constructed comes to 37.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know what would be the estimated cost of construction?

Shri Alagesan: The total cost is expected to be in the region of Rs. 10.54 crores.

Shri Joachim Alva: One of the biggest hurdles on the Bombay-Mangalore road is the Sheravati river. Estimates had been drawn up to put up a bridge over that river. May I know how far the matter has proceeded, and whether the construction of the bridge will be undertaken in the near future?

Shri Alagesan: I am unable to state the position regarding that particular bridge.

Rise in Price of Rice

*59. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
 { Dr. Rama Rao:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far to arrest the price of rice in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madras, Kerala and Mysore;

(b) how far they have been effective; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any other steps?