

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Survey for a new broad gauge line from Sahjanwa to Dohrighat and conversion from Dohrighat to Indara was conducted in 1988. A survey for a new broad gauge line between Khalilabad and Balrampur via Mehndwaj, Bansi and Dumariaganj was conducted in 1979.

(b) and (c). The surveys revealed inadequate traffic prospects. The work has not been approved due to unremunerative nature of the projects and constraint of resources.

[English]

Computerisation of Manuscripts

4742. SHRI MAHESH MANODIA:
PROF. PREM DHUMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have undertaken a programme to feed into computer all available information about known manuscripts in India and foreign countries for preparation of a master catalogue of manuscripts and also a scheme for the survey, location and procurement of Sanskrit manuscripts lying scattered in India and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, an autonomous Trust established by the Govern-

ment of India has undertaken a programme in this regard. Information from 2000 catalogues from published and unpublished sources has been computerised till date. After conducting surveys of available manuscripts in Sanskrit in the different libraries in India and abroad, a large number of repositories have been identified. IGNCA has a programme of reprography in the form of microfilms, microfiches of original manuscripts in Sanskrit and other languages. Six foreign and eleven Indian Libraries have been covered so far under the scheme. A collection of two million folios in Micro form has been made.

Besides the above, scheme for the collection, preservation and publication of Sanskrit manuscripts have been undertaken under Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan through its Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeethas. Under this scheme Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeethas have undertaken survey for identification of the Sanskrit manuscripts in the contiguous area. The procurement of manuscripts is done on the recommendation of the Expert Committee depending upon the rarity, antiquity and importance of manuscripts. Besides microfilming rare manuscripts available in the Valley of Kashmir during 1988-89, the Ganganath Jha Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Allahabad has established a manuscript Library containing 44,200 volumes of 1218 manuscripts which have been procured so far. The manuscripts are being categorised for editing. In addition, Sadasive Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Puri and Ranvir Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Jammu have also procured about 3000 and 3200 manuscripts respectively.

Bridges In A.P.

4743. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KON-
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for approval of construction of overbridges by the Railways;

(b) the number of railway overbridges constructed in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to construct more overbridges in Andhra Pradesh to ease traffic during 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the locations/places where such bridges are proposed to be constructed and the esti-

mated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Railways consider proposal for replacement of busy level crossings with road over/underbridges on cost sharing basis provided such schemes are sponsored by the State Government consenting to bear their share of cost, as per extant rules.

(b) Seven.

(c) and (d). The details of road overbridges under construction in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under:

<i>Road over bridge at: share</i>	<i>Railways share</i>	<i>State Government</i>
<i>(In lakhs of Rupees)</i>		
Kavali	83.84	70.60
Nandyal	98.59	107.93
Mahaboobnagar	65.84	71.07
Thimmapur- Shadnagar	85.10	21.66
Palakole	81.04	100.71
Ajit Singh Nagar	143.81	160.91
Ghatkesar	74.53	69.82
Fatehnagar	110.10	521.77
Jamal Osmania	115.32	207.68
Mancherial - Peddampet	170.21	170.83
Anakapalli - Thadi	187.78	505.54

<i>Road over bridge at: share</i>	<i>Railways share</i>	<i>State Government</i>
<i>(In lakhs of Rupees)</i>		
Thadi - Duvvada	154.74	408.24
Umdanagar and Thimmapur	85.15	80.66
Kazipet	547.95	N.A.
Pendurthi	58.64	69.64
Bhimavaram	125.55	95.18
Nidadavolu - Brahmanagudem	173.96	87.41
Dabirpura	100.87	17.47
Parti-Vaiznath	120.29	55.53

Voluntary Ticket Checking Scheme

4744. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to discontinue voluntary ticket checking scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) alternative steps proposed to be taken to save the losses through ticketless travel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The scheme of engaging volunteers from Social Voluntary Organisations of repute, etc. on payment of honorarium has been discontinued long back.

Decision to discontinue utilization of volunteers from stationary Group - C railway staff for ticket checking work has also been taken. Measures are being taken continually to prevent loss of revenue through ticketless travel. These include steps to strengthen the ticket checking organisations on the Zonal Railways through creation of additional posts of ticket checking staff, better deployment of existing staff, etc.

[*Translation*]

Central Universities

4745. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines for declaring Universities as Central University;