

Shri B. P. Yadava:
 Shri Dhaon:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri Brij Raj Singh Kota:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Electronics Ltd. has been able to make high altitude radar equipment;

(b) whether Government have approached it to make high-powered medium wave transmitters; and

(c) whether all other sources in our country have been tapped for manufacturing such transmitters?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes. Orders for medium wave transmitters were placed on B.E.L. by the All India Radio.

(c) In view of (b), it was not considered necessary to tap other sources.

Bridge over Bagmati in Nepal

*155. { Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Shri D. N. Tiwary:
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 Shri B. P. Yadava:
 Shri Dhaon:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri B. K. Das:
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal has approached India for assistance to build Nepal's most modern and expensive bridge over the Bagmati to connect Kathmandu and Lalitpatan;

(b) if so, the nature and quantum of assistance; and

(c) whether India has agreed to such help?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The Government of Nepal have approached the Government of India for assistance to renovate the existing bridge over the Bagmati river or to construct a new one.

(b) According to preliminary estimates assistance would be of the order of Rs. 19 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Cash Grants to families of Jawans

*156. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 Shri B. P. Yadava:
 Shri Dhaon:
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Shri D. N. Tiwary:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri Brij Raj Singh:
 Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
 Shri Siddananjappa:
 Shri G. Mohanty:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have decided to give cash grants to the families of officers and men who died or were wounded during the Ladakh and NEFA operations;

(b) if so, the number of States that have so far decided to give such cash grants and the amount which each family will get; and

(c) whether Government propose to ask the other States also to do likewise?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the details is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The attention of each State Government has been invited to the different concessions granted by other