

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay and the steps taken to expedite the construction work; and

(c) when the targets are likely to be achieved?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) The target dates for completion of formation cutting of the different roads in the middle sector have not been achieved. These dates will require to be extended by six months to a year. The roads are however expected to be completed (except for permanent bridges) by the dates fixed by the Board.

(b) The delay in completing the formation cutting was due mainly to the following reasons:—

- (i) The progress of P.W.D. contractors was slow.
- (ii) The build-up of General Reserve Engineer Force, which took over the roads except one, was gradual in view of the relatively higher priority accorded to some roads in other sectors.
- (iii) Heavy monsoon damages.
- (iv) Constant use of road by pilgrims, Civil and Defence authorities.

Adequate steps have been taken to expedite construction of roads.

(c) It will not be in the public interest to give these details.

Silicosis Among Coal Miners

*598. { **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:**
Shri Eswara Reddy:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of silicosis among coal miners are being treated by Welfare Department under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the number of miners treated during the last three years; and

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to them during the same period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri R. K. Malviya): (a) There is hardly any case of silicosis in coal mines. No cases of silicosis have so far been reported to the medical institutions of the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund for treatment.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Foreign Service Inspectorate

{ **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
*604. { **Shri Narasimha Reddy:**
Shri Himmatsinhji:
Shri P. K. Ghosh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to revive the Foreign Service Inspectorate under the External Affairs Ministry; and

(b) if so, the purpose of such revival and benefits expected to accrue from it?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Foreign Service Inspectorate will conduct an overall administrative and organisational review of the working of all the Missions abroad by making periodical on-the-spot inspections. The intention is to achieve maximum efficiency with the utmost economy possible and also to ensure that allowances and other amenities are rationally fixed taking into account the particular requirements at each Station.