

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1892/67.]

GRANTS TO PRIVATE COLLEGES IN MANIPUR

3213. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of grants made by the Manipur Government to the private colleges of Manipur during the years 1966-67 and 1967-68 college-wise;

(b) whether any of the colleges approached the Government of Manipur for a higher amount of the grant; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected from the Manipur Administration and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

LATERAL ROAD PROJECT IN BORDER REGION

3214. SHRI S. KUNDU :
SHRI LAKHAN LAL KAPOOR :
SHRI MOHAN SWARUP :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sanctioned to construct Lateral Road Project in the Border Region of the Northern India;

(b) the length of the road and how many miles of this road have been completed, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have received allegations against certain contractors working on these roads, who have not supplied bricks and boulders according to specifications; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take against the contractors ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSAN) : (a) Against the Project estimated cost of Rs. 111 crores for the proposed Lateral Road and link roads on the northern border of the country, the amount of sanctioned estimate, so far, is Rs. 68.12 crores.

(b) The State-wise total length of the Lateral Road either to be newly constructed or to be improved is as under :—

Uttar Pradesh	680 km (425 miles)
Bihar	619 km (387 miles)
West Bengal	147 km (92 miles)
Assam	99 km (62 miles)

Total : 1545 km (966 miles)

Out of this length, 683 km (427 miles) have to be newly constructed and the remaining 862 km (539 miles) of existing roads have to be improved. The only work completed so far is the widening to two lanes of the Muzaffarpur-Barauni Section 109 km (68 miles) in Bihar. Except the Kasia-Padrauna (17 km—11 miles) Link Road in Uttar Pradesh and Forbesganj-Maricha section (96 km—60 miles) in Bihar, works however have been started on all Sections of the Lateral Road and are in various stages of progress.

(c) and (d). All the works pertaining to the Lateral Road are being executed by the State Public Works Departments within their respective territories. The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, when available.

DACOITIES IN MADHYA PRADESH

3215. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing insecurity in Madhya Pradesh, bordering Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan on account of increase of dacoities, murders and kidnapping of human beings by dacoits; and