

were entitled to those types and subsequently became entitled to higher types.

Linking of Sundergarh with National Highway

7108. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Government of India to link Sundergarh district touching Marai-garh, a sub-divisional headquarters, with a National Highway; and

(b) if so, when it is going to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) and (b). A new route as National Highway No. 23 has been added to the National Highway System on 8th March, 1972 running from Chas on N.H. No. 32 in Bihar to its junction with N.H. No. 42 south of Talcher in Orissa via Bokaro, Ranchi, and Rourkela. For the portion of this route lying in Orissa, the Government of Orissa have sent a proposal for the route alignment to be followed running via Bonaigarh (instead of Baraigarh as mentioned in the question). A precise indication as to whether or not Bonaigarh would fall on this National Highway route could be given only after its alignment has been settled after a detailed examination of various alternatives, which is already engaging the attention of Government of India.

Repair of Jagannath Temple, Puri

7109. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1977 on the 5th March, 1973 regarding repair of Jagannath Temple, Puri and state whether Government have taken any decision to finance entirely the repair works of the famous temple of Sri Jagannath of Puri, Orissa and to open an archaeological branch to look after the temple?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): An Expert Committee has been set up to go into the question of preservation of the temple. A final decision in regard to the financing of the repair works will be taken after the said Committee submits its report.

Appointment of a Committee for establishing Shipyard at Paradeep

7110. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a Committee to go into details of establishing a shipyard at Paradeep Orissa; and

(b) if so, the constitution of the Committee and its functions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) and (b). This matter is receiving Government's consideration.

Institute of Physics at Bhubaneswar

7111. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5748 dated the 23rd July, 1971 regarding Institute of Physics in Bhubaneswar and state:

(a) Whether the proposed Institute of Physics at Bhubaneswar in the meanwhile started functioning; and

(b) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the Government of Orissa, the Institute of Physics at Bhubaneswar has started functioning.