

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No worker was retrenched in Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. as a result of the Emergency.

Himachal Pradesh Highways

3357. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert some highways in Himachal Pradesh into National Highways during the fifth five year plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amount spent by Nagaland Government at A.I.C.C. Session

3358. SHRIMATI RANO M. SHA-IZA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large sum of money amounting to several lakhs of rupees was spent during the A.I.C.C. Session at Gauhati by Nagaland Government in 1976;

(b) if so, under what Heads of Account have these expenditure been met; and

(c) how many Government vehicles and officials were detailed by the State Government for the said Session?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):

(a) The Nagaland Government participated in the Exhibition and Cultural Programme held at Gauhati on the occasion of A.I.C.C. Session in which other State Governments also participated. The total expenditure in-

curred by the Nagaland Government was Rs. 9,37,601 after setting off Rs. 4,21,332 on account of sale proceeds and value of material taken to stock.

(b) Since the various Departments of the Government participated in the Exhibition the expenditure was debited to appropriate heads of the Departments, concerned, and not to one head of account.

(c) 138 officials belonging to various Departments of the Nagaland Government were deputed for varying periods and 25 vehicles were used for visit of the officials and transportation of material. In addition 11 vehicles were detailed for duty with the Assam Government at their request.

Letters, Representations and Memorandum received by Prime Minister

3359. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of letters, representations and memorandum received by him since 25th March, 1977 from the various parts of the country?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): 2,42,304 Communications were received up to the 30th June, 1977.

Communications in the Backward Areas of the Country

3360. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have earmarked money for the development of communications in the backward areas of the country;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted to assist the States for the same; and

(c) what is the total allocation by the Centre and States?