cost through the Himachal Pradesh P.W.D. and it is already an existing Class 9 road i.e. singlelane standard. Certain works for widening of curves and construction/replacement of 11 Number of weak/damaged bridges are in hand.

Demands made by Employees of Central Secretariat and Allied Offices

2205. SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employees of Central Secretariat and allied offices recently observed a demonstration outside the house of the Prime Minister to press their demands; and
- (b) if so, what are the demands they raised and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): (a) Representatives of the Federation of the Central Secretariat and Allied Offices' Employees met the Prime Minister on the 1st June. 1977 and presented a Memorandum containing a number of demands.

- (b) The demands are briefly stated below:
 - 1. Holding of the price line and strengthening of the public distribution system.
 - 2. Immediate payment in cash of the money impounded under C.D. scheme.
 - 3. Restoration of 5th instalment of Dearness Allowance.
 - 4. Correction of faulty construction of consumer price index.
 - 5. Reinstatement of victimised central Government employees for participation in legitimate trade union activities.
 - 6. Scrapping of Desk Officer system.

- Upgradation of 25 per cent posts of Lower Division Clerks to the level of Upper Division Clerks.
- 8. Stoppage of direct recruitment to all Class II posts.
- Increase in ratio of assistants in Armed Forces Headquarters and Inter-Services organisations.
- 10. Removal of ban on recruitment of peons.
- 11. Regularisation of daily wages workers.
- 12. Promotion of educationally qualified Class IV employees, as LDCs on the basis of seniority.
- 13. Relaxation of educational qualifications for widows appointed on compassionate grounds to the posts of peons.
- 14. Merger of D.A. with pay.
- 15. Encashment of leave.
- 16. Computerisation in UPSC/A.F.H.Q.
- 17. Construction of 50,000 residential units in Delhi.
- 18. Stagnation increment.

A further meeting of the representatives of the Federation with the Prime Minister has been fixed for June 30, 1977. The question of Government's reaction on various demands does not, therefore, arise at this stage.

Employment to Dependents of Retiring Govt. Employees

2206. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item under the caption "Army offers jobs for Jawans' sons"; and