

Varanasi, Chittaranjan, Madras & Bangalore, the private industry has taken up manufacture of certain items required, which are more convenient to off-load on trade rather than produce them in the Railway Repair Workshop/Production Units. For supply to Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Eastern and South Eastern Railways, a number of industries are in the field including West Bengal area and particularly in and around Calcutta. It may also be added that, based on the guide lines issued by the Bureau of Public Enterprises, necessary instructions were issued to Railways to encourage setting up of ancillary units in respect of items which are not readily available in the country or items for which there is shortage of balancing capacity and while setting up of new Production Units.

**Supervision over the Quality of National Highway Work Executed by State Public Works Departments**

5875. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any system of supervision over the quality of National Highway works executed by the State Public Works Departments ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to evolve a quality control mechanism at the Central level so as to ensure that the quality of works carried out by the State Public Works Departments are according to the technical standards and satisfaction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Quality control measures in respect of National Highways are exercised by the State Public Works Departments who are the executing agencies on behalf of the Government of India. The quality control measures at various stages of construction are laid down in the

I.R.C. Special Publication No. 11as well as in the instructions/circulars issued by the Ministry of Shipping and Transport from time to time to State Authorities who are required to follow the same.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Criteria for Merger of Private Schools with Central Schools**

5876. SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the rules and the qualifications which govern the absorption of teachers and employees in the Central School organisation in the event of any private school being merged with the Central School ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : As a matter of policy, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Central School Organisation) does not take over existing private schools, but opens new Kendriya Vidyalayas (Central Schools).

**Amount Spent on Reconstruction and Repair of National Highway No. 28 Between Lucknow and Faizabad.**

5877. SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the amount spent on the reconstruction and repair of the National Highway No. 28 between Lucknow and Faizabad during the Sixth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : A sum of about Rs. 708 00 lakhs has been spent during Sixth Plan period on Lucknow Faizabad section of NH-28.

[English]

**Medical Equipments Purchased/Imported Lying Unservicable in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital Safdarjung Hospital & Allms**

5878. DR. G.S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND