

[Translation]

Sharing of Water of Pancheshwar Dam

1613. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any talks on utilisation of water resources were held with the King of Nepal during his recent visit to India;

(b) whether there is any possibility of taking up research/survey work in the Nepal territory of Pancheshwar dam as a result of these talks; and

(c) if not, the alternative steps proposed to be taken to utilise deep waters of Sharda river ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND) : (a) to (c) General talks on water resources utilisation were held during the King of Nepal's visit and at present no research/survey is proposed to be taken up.

Railway over-bridge at Jagraon

1614. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received any representation from the people of Jagraon (Punjab) demanding construction of a railway over-bridge at Jagraon; and

(b) if so, the action being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Railways undertake construction of road over/under bridges in replacement of busy level crossings jointly with the State Governments on cost sharing basis. Proposals in this regard are required to be sponsored by the State Governments.

The Government of Punjab has been requested by Northern Railway to sponsor the proposal, accordingly.

[English]

Repair and Construction of Bridges on National Highways

1615. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have carried out a survey to identify the bridges that need to be constructed on the National Highways or where breaches are to be repaired;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the bridges/breaches which are expected to be completed and repaired during 1985-86; and

(d) the total cost involved separately for bridges/breaches ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Identification of the deficiencies in the existing National Highway network keeping in view the traffic intensity and other factors and their programmed removal keeping in view the *inter-se* priority and availability of resources is a continuous process. As on the 1st April, 1985, the following bridge works were identified as part of the deficiencies :—

(a) Major bridges	...	4 Nos.
(b) Reconstruction/widening of weak and narrow major bridges.	...	179 Nos.
(c) Replacement of submersible bridges, dips, vented cause-way etc.	...	37 Nos.
(d) Construction of minor bridges.	...	2336 Nos.