

(c) the time by when it is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work could not be taken up as the State Government desired modification in the sanctioned scheme. The modified scheme providing for increased road width of the bridge (3 lanes) and a subway for the pedestrian/cycle traffic was finalised by the State Government in September 1990.

(c) The work is likely to be taken up during the year 1991-92.

Drug Pricing Policy

491. **SHRI MONORANJAN SUR:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a change in the pricing policy of drugs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). Since the drug policy is under review, pricing policy is also likely to undergo some changes accordingly.

[Translation]

Coal Deposits in North-Western Regions

492. **SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated to explore coal deposits in the north-western regions of the country; and

(b) if so, the total tonnage of coal deposits likely to be found in the above mentioned areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) and (b). Geological Survey of India, who are mainly responsible for carrying out the regional exploration to locate the coal reserves available in the various parts of the country, have no proposal of regional exploration programme for locating coal reserves in the north-western region. However, exploration carried out earlier by the State Government agency has established the occurrence of very small estimates of coal reserves in Jammu & Kashmir State falling in the north-western region of the country.

Aerodrome at Buldhana, Maharashtra

493. **SHRI SUKHDEONANDAJIKALE:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct an aerodrome in Budhane district in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, when and the expenditure to be involved thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amount Spent on Advertisements to Save Oil

494. **SHRI HARISH RAWAT:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various oil companies are giving advertisements to motivate people to save oil; and