

**Bridge over River Wainganga on Nagpur Raipur Section of National Highway No. 6**

3751. DR. KHUSHAL PARASHRAM BOPCHE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bridge on river Wainganga on Nagpur-Raipur section of National Highway No. 6 is very narrow and has resulted in several accidents;

(b) whether there is any proposal for the reconstruction of this bridge, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the construction work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). the reconstruction of this bridge is proposed in the Eighth Five Year Plan which is yet to be finalised. It is too early to indicate the date of commencement of the work.

[Translation]

**Indian Council for Cultural Relations**

3752. PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the functions of Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi.

(b) the particulars of the members and office-bearers in its management Committee at present and their tenure.

(c) the amount of grants sanctioned by Government to the Council during the last three years year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Council to

encourage the use of Hindi in its official work?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Statement-I detailing the functions being performed by the ICCR is attached.

(b) The names of the members of its three main management committees are given in the Statement-II. The present tenure of these committees is 3 years with effect from 1st June, 1990.

(c) The Council received the following grants from the Government during the last three years

1987-88	Rs. 4,47,36,381-00
1988-89	Rs 6,85,00,000-00
1989-90	Rs 8,83,17,000-00

(d) The Council has taken steps to encourage the use of Hindi. It has set up a Hindi Unit. Its Annual Report and other documents have been published in Hindi. The Council has also been imparting training to its personnel in Hindi typing/stenography and has procured Hindi typewriters. The use of Hindi in official correspondence and day to day work has been on the increase as the result of measures taken by the Council.

**STATEMENT-I****Indian Council of Cultural Relations—  
Its functions**

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations was established in 1950 and is an autonomous body and an organ of the Government in the field of cultural diplo-