

poration of India has reported that 41 proposals are pending with the Financial Institutions for grant of financial assistance/loans for setting up of new cooperative sugar factories. As regards the reasons for pendency, it has been stated that the viability of a new sugar project has become uncertain. It is not possible to indicate any time-frame by which these proposals are likely to be cleared.

[*Translation*]

#### Printing of N.C.E.R.T Text Books

902. SHRI LAL BABU RAI:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO B.  
BHONLE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT text books are not printed in time and as such adversely affecting the studies of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total demand of NCERT books during the last two years;

(d) the total number of books published by NCERT during that period; and

(e) the steps taken to make available the NCERT books in the market in time so as to avoid the shortage of text books every year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. The N.C. R. T. has informed that their text books for 1991-92 and 1992-93 were printed and made available in time.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total demand of NCERT text books during the last two years was about 45 million copies.

(d) The N.C.E.R.T. published 515 text book titles for 1991-92 and 1992-93 sessions.

(e) The Sale and distribution of NCERT text books are done through 14 Wholesale Agents in Delhi and 24 Wholesale Agents in other States/UTs. In order to improve the delivery system of its textbooks, NCERT has decided to open regional publication and distribution centres at Calcutta, Madras and Ahmedabad. The requirement of northern region will be met from the Headquarter, Delhi. There is a Sales Counter in the NCERT Campus in Delhi to meet the emergent local demands.

All necessary steps have been taken to ensure that all the NCERT text books are available before the commencement of the new academic session of 1993-94.

[*English*]

#### Railway Bridges on National Highways

903. SHRIDHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by his ministry for widening and development of Railway Bridges falling on National Highways including National Highway No. 13; and

(b) the details of railway bridges likely to be widened in Solapur District on National Highway No. 13?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MULLIKARJUN): (a) Widening and development of road overbridges is done by Railways on deposit terms; hence no provision is made in Railway Budget for such works. However, Railways provide for funds for Railway's share of cost in construction of new road overbridges.

(b) Proposal for one such bridge at the