

**NHs in Bihar**

4234. SHRI SHIBU SOREN:  
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the National Highways in Bihar on which work for widening/doubling/four lanning the roads has been undertaken during the last three years;

(b) the extent of work completed so far and the reasons for delay in completion of work; and

(c) the funds provided for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Widening to two lanes/four lanes of selected Kms. on National Highway Nos. 2, 23, 28, 28-A and 30 was undertaken during the last 3 years (1989-90 to 1991-92).

(b) Out of the total 23 works in this category, 10 works have already been completed. The remaining 13 works are at various stages of progress. Some of these works have been delayed due to combination of reasons, such as lack of suitable contractors having required plant and machinery, labour problems, defaulting contractors etc.

(c) Rs. 390.18 lakhs were allotted for these works during the last three years.

[English]

**Chandragiri Bridge in Kerala**

4235. SHRI M. RAMANNARAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far on Chandragiri bridge in Kasaragod in Kerala;

(b) the share of the Union Government on this bridge;

(c) the reasons for the delay in completing the approach road from the southern side; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the work on this bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) An expenditure of Rs. 3.38 crores has been incurred upto 9/92 on the construction of the Chandragiri bridge.

(b) Rs. 35.00 lakhs.

(c) and (d). The bridge works including approaches sanctioned by the Ministry have been completed and the bridge has been opened to traffic on 21.4.1990. The approach road from the Southern side has been sanctioned separately by the State Government out of their own funds. It is reported by the State Government that the delay in construction of this part of the approach road is due to slow progress by the contractor. Steps are being taken to terminate the contract and get the work executed through another agent.

**Free Travelling Facilities in D.T.C. Buses**

4236. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide free travelling facilities to ex-service-men and war-widows in D.T.C. buses in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?