

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). Some Shortcomings in the infrastructure and facilities of some Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have come to the notice of the Samity. These mainly relate to shortage of accommodation, water and electricity.

(c) The Samiti is taking all necessary steps to improve provision of basic facilities in all Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. Construction of permanent buildings is being accorded high priority. The ongoing works and temporary accommodation are monitored constantly for provision of basic facilities.

#### Job Opportunities

3477. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have prepared any programme for creating new job opportunities in accordance with the new economic policy.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target fixed for the year 1996-97 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). In pursuance of priority accorded in National Policy on Education, 1986, a centrally sponsored scheme of vocationalization of Secondary Education was launched in February, 1988 with a view to introduce vocational courses in class XI and XII of the system. The primary objective of the scheme is to enhance individual employability. Within the University education system also it has been the endeavour of University Grants Commission and the Universities to provide a built-in element of vocational inputs and specific skills to improve the employability of the students.

The job opportunities are assessed by the State Governments depending upon various course available in the States and also requirement of the employing agencies from time to time.

[English]

#### Burma Road

3478. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :  
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to revive the World War II surface route, the old Burma Road;

(b) if so, the length of this road and the capital outlay involved.

(c) whether any portion of the expenditure is to be borne by Myanmar;

(d) whether any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Myanmar in regard to this project.

(e) if so, the salient features thereof

(f) the time by which the construction of the road is likely to start and completed.

(g) the benefits to be accrued to the country as a result of this road;

(h) whether the Government have kept in mind the problem of insurgency in North-Eastern areas before reviving this road, and

(i) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) A Memorandum of Understanding has been negotiated with the Government of Myanmar to develop/construct road from Tamu to Kalemyo. The road was originally constructed during the World War-II.

(b) Total length of the road is 160.525 kilometer and the cost of the construction/improvement work amount to Rs. 91.68 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Memorandum of Understanding still remains to be signed.

(e) Do not arise in view of (d) above.

(f) Work plan has not yet been finalised.

(g) It will facilitate movement of people and commodities across the border.

(h) The national interests of India have always been kept in perspective.

(i) Border liaison meetings take place regularly to strengthen cooperation in curbing insurgency, illegal trade and to develop better understanding between the armed forces of the two countries.

#### Financial Assistance to Irrigation Projects Under AIBP

3479. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :  
SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY :  
SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :  
SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of irrigation projects selected for providing financial assistance/loan under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Scheme, State-wise;