

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : बन्देलखण्ड क्षेत्र झांसी-मानिकपुर-कटनी, कटनी-बीना और बीना-झांसी रेलवे लाइनों द्वारा सेवित है। विगत 50 वर्षों के दौरान इस क्षेत्र में अनेक रेलवे लाइनों के बारे में सर्वेक्षण किये गये हैं लेकिन अर्थक्षम न पाये जाने के कारण इन लाइनों का निर्माण नहीं किया गया।

बहरहाल, दिसम्बर, 1978 में ललितपुर से सिंगरीली बरास्ता खजुराहो, सतना और रीवा 455 कि० मी० लम्बी एक नयी लाइन के लिए प्रारम्भिक इंजीनियरी-एवं-यातायात सर्वेक्षण का काम प्रारम्भ किया गया था और आशा है कि यह काम माचे, 1981 तक पूरा कर लिया जायेगा।

National Highways in India

3691. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways in India;

(b) the percentage of roads which are classed as National Highways;

(c) the measures proposed to provide two traffic lanes;

(d) whether there is a proposal to increase the amount allocated for National Highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) 57.

(b) 6 per cent

(c) subject to the availability of resources every effort is being made to provide two-lane carriageway on National Highways wherever justified by traffic requirements and with the completion of 'on-going works' sanctioned during the 4th and 5th Plan periods and in the 1st two years of the Five Year Plan 1978-83, a length of about 21,500 Kms. (roughly 73 per cent of the National Highways Net-work) is expected to have two-lane carriageway.

(d) and (e). There is a provision of Rs. 90 crores for National Highway original improvement works in the Budget Estimates 1980-81 and the question of increasing existing allocation can be considered only at the Revised Estimates 1980-81 stage depending upon the actual requirements of the States and availability of resources.

Increase in the Prices of Biochemic Salts

3692. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of Bio-chemic salts is increasing rapidly;

(b) whether it is because the sugar of milk, a carrier base is imported;

(c) what efforts have already been made by Government to find a substitute of sugar of milk; and

(d) what control has been exercised by Government both on price and quality and how many companies have been brought to book during the last three years for marketing substandard stuff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). No.

(c) Dr. Schussler who introduced 'The Twelve Tissue Remedies' has unambiguously stipulated the use of sugar of milk in preparation of 'The Twelve Tissue Remedies'. The question of finding a substitute, therefore, does not arise.

(d) Homoeopathic drugs including Bio-chemic remedies are exempt from the operation of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. Regarding their quality control, replies received from most of the States/Union Territories have stated that no company was brought to book during the last three years.