

compulsory arbitration is provided in the Scheme, provision exists for referring the matter to a Board of Arbitration to be appointed by the Ministry of Education. In other cases, the Board of Governors is to take action according to its own judgement.

(c) According to the Constitution of the Council, not more than 7 members on the staff side are to be nominated by the Recognised Associations as per the following distribution :

- i) Teachers Association...4
- ii) Non-teaching Staff Association ...2
- iii) Headquarters Staff Association ...1

#### Priority to Roads in Seventh Plan

558. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that roads are very important for a nation for development in all its spheres ;

(b) if so, whether top priority is given to roads in the Sevens Plan ; and

(c) if so, the total allocation for roads during the Seventh Plan;

(d) if not, the reasons for not giving the top priority to roads ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) The importance of roads as a part of the total transportation system in the country is well recognised.

(c) and (d) The sector-wise allocations will be finalised after the draft 7th Plan has been approved by the National Development Council.

#### Irrigation Projects to have Drinking Water Supply Component

559. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided that all irrigation projects should have a drinking water supply component for the benefit of rural population ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No such decision has been taken by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Koraput-Rayagada Rail Line

560. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL :

SHRI K. PRADHANI :

PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of 165 kilometre long rail line between Koraput and Rayagada has been delayed ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) when it is likely to be completed .

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work is being progressed according to availability of funds, which are inadequate.

(c) The completion of the line will depend upon availability of resources in the coming years.

#### Cripples Population

561. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL :

PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India tops in cripples' population in the World;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent people becoming cripple ?