

(b) There is no separate budget head for non-formal education as such. However, total amount of approximately Rs. 20582 lakhs has been incurred during the last three years in the non-formal sector on elementary, secondary, higher and adult education.

(c) Every effort is made to get more allocation for education within the constraints on resources.

Pamban Bridge

3679. SHRI N. DENNIS :
DR. V. RAJESWARAN :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) when is the Pamban road bridge (Tamil Nadu) expected to be commissioned; and

(b) the causes for the delay in commissioning the bridge?

THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The work is targeted to be completed by February, 1987.

(b) The delay in commissioning of the bridge is due to breach of contract and failure on the part of earlier contractor.

Shipping Service Between Singapore and Madras

3680. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties of passengers bound for Singapore from Madras due to the burning of the ship Chidambaram ; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to provide an alternate shipping service now ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b) A decision has been taken that Shipping Corporation of India Ltd need not operate

the passenger shipping service between Madras and Singapore as it is not an economically viable proposition. However, if any private shipping company comes forward to operate this service, their request will be considered favourably.

Expenditure on Medium Irrigation Projects in Madhya Pradesh

3681. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state that estimated expenditure to be incurred on each of the medium irrigation schemes in Madhya Pradesh which are under consideration of Union Government ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : Madhya Pradesh Government have submitted one medium irrigation project, namely Sutyapat tank project to Central Water Commission in July, 1985 for techno-economic clearance and acceptance by the Planning Commission. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 9.58 crores.

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Area Covered by Railways in Madhya Pradesh

3682. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether per kilometre area covered by railways in Madhya Pradesh is less as compared to that of other States and if so, the action being taken to increase the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : Route Kms. per 1000 square Kms. of area in Madhya Pradesh is less than the all India average. The following New Lines in Madhya Pradesh are included in Railway Budget :

- (i) Cota-Chittorgarh-Neemuch New B.G. Line (partly in Madhya Pradesh).
- (ii) Guna-Gwalior-Ettawah BG line.
- (iii) Satna Rewa B.G. Line.