

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :**  
 (a) The progress of the project as intimated by the Government of West Bengal is as under :

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| (i) Calcutta Side Approach (Section I) | — 74% |
| (ii) Howrah Side Approach (Section II) | — 36% |
| (iii) Main Bridge (Section III)        | — 49% |

There are some slippages in the construction of the bridge work.

(b) to (g) One of the construction companies doing the construction of superstructure of the main bridge imported 12000 tonnes of steel from Rumania for fabrication of which a small portion is reported to be defective. The company is taking up the matter of defective steel. The shortage of steel is being met from indigenous sources, supplemented by imports. The Government of West Bengal are primarily concerned with the project.

**Railway High and Higher Secondary Schools at Kharagpur (SE Rly)**

710. **SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :**  
 Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) how many Railway High and Higher Secondary Schools are there at Kharagpur in the S.E. Railway ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railway schools at various states follow education system of the States in which they are located ;

(c) whether an officer of the Education Department of West Bengal Government had visited the Railway schools at Kharagpur and had drawn the attention of the administration towards some drawbacks in those schools ;

(d) if so, what are they ; and

(e) What steps have Government taken to make up the deficiencies so that proper education be imparted to the students of Railway schools.

**THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) There are 3 Higher Secondary Schools and 1 High Schools.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) District Inspector of Schools Midnapur has recommended for increase in number of teachers in Railway schools, creation of the posts of Assistant Headmaster and improvement in the material conditions prevailing in the schools in respect of classrooms, library, laboratories for Physics, Chemistry and Biology, sanitary facilities, play fields etc.

(e) Matter is under examination.

[Translation]

**Night Air Services at Patna Airport**

711. **SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV :**  
 Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to start night air service at Patna airport ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also fact that expansion of Patna airport is in progress ; and

(d) if so, the time by which it will be completed ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) :** (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The work for extension of the Apron at Patna airport has started and is likely to be completed by July, 1986.

**Assistance for use of Ground Water in South Region of Ganga in Bihar**

712. **SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV :**  
 Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ground water is the means of irrigation in the region South of the Ganga in Bihar ; and