

proposed National Highways Authority of India has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the National Highways in North Eastern States which are accorded priority in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) (a). No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Pahadi Language of Himachal Pradesh

372. PROF. NARAYAN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government had received any proposal for the development of recognition of Pahadi language spoken in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, when and from whom it was received; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps for the development of this language and its literature and the amount provided for the purpose in the Seventh Five year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAH) (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

A copy of a resolution dated 8.4.88 by Himachal Pahari Sahitya Sabha, Delhi was received in the Ministry of Human Resource Development. It was in respect of inclusion of Pahari languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India and recognition of this language by the Sahitya Akademi.

(c) The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore is working on some Western Pahari languages like Mahar, Sirmauri of Himachal Pradesh and has also conducted a socio-linguistic survey of Himachal Pradesh to find out the use of various languages in different domains of life. Expenditure on such programmes is met out of the total allocation made by it for languages development.

The Sahitya Akademi, has constituted a Language Development Board for the development of languages of desirous of recognition by the Akademi. The Akademi has decided to take up the task of bringing out (i) a collection of folklore; (ii) translations from neighbouring languages and vice-versa; and (iii) reprint of some important dictionaries and grammars, so that those languages could sufficiently be developed and then the question of recognition by the Akademi could be taken up at a later stage. The Akademi's expenditure is incurred towards a common purpose of promotion of Indian literature of the languages desirous of recognition. No earmarked budgetary allocation is provided for this language.

ILO offer of Technical Expertise for Generating Employment in Rural Areas

373. SHRI V. TULSIRAM:
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRA
SHEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA
PRASAD:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARD-
WAJ:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation has offered technical expertise

to explore the possibility of generating more employment in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where ILO Projects will be launched for rural employment; and

(d) the amount of financial assistance to be provided by the ILO and Union Government to the States for this purpose during 1989 and 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (d). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

12.00 hrs.

(Interruptions)

[*English*]

SHRI K.S. RAO (Machilipatnam): Sir, an MLA in Andhra Pradesh, P.M. Ranga Rao has been murdered... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: It is a State subject...

(Interruptions)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Sir, the Election Commissioner has announced by-election in Durg Assembly constituency... *(Interruptions)*.

MR. SPEAKER: I cannot allow it...

(Interruptions)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: There is not one vacancy, there are so many vacancies... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Again you are doing the same thing. I cannot discuss Election Commission...

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: No, I cannot.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA (Sangrur): The doctors in Punjab are on strike for the last two months and now they have threatened to go on hunger strike. The condition of hospitals has worsened in Punjab. Please ask the Government to remedy the situation... *(Interruptions)*

12.01 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[*English*]

Annual Accounts, Audit Report and Review on the Audited Accounts of New Mangalore Post Trust for 1987-88

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): I beg to lay on the Table:

(1) (i) A copy of the Annual Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the New Mangalore Port Trust for the year 1987-88 along with Audited Report thereon under sub-section (2) of section 103 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the Audited Accounts of the New Mangalore Port Trust for the year 1987-88. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—7223/89]