

बूढ़ी गंडक पर पुल

450. श्री राज नरेश कुलबहाहू : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) छितीनी में बूढ़ी गंडक पर रेलवे पुल का निर्माण-कार्य बन्द होने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) उस पर अब तक कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है; और

(ग) यह पुल कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा ?

रेलमंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री लाल नारायण)

(क) छितीनी में बूढ़ी गंडक पर रेलवे पुल पर निर्माण कार्य नदी के नियंत्रण कार्य के साथ-साथ शुरू किया जाना था जिसकी लागत को उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार की राज्य सरकारों द्वारा वहन किया जाना था। पुल का निर्माण कार्य शुरू नहीं किया जा सका क्योंकि राज्य सरकारें बचाव संबंधी कार्यों के लिए अपने बजट का भुगतान करने के लिए सहमत नहीं हुईं जिसकी अनुमानित लागत 5.36 करोड़ रुपये थी। अभी तक इस प्रश्न पर कोई सहमति नहीं हुई है।

(ख) पुल के निर्माण कार्य पर अभी तक कोई रकम खर्च नहीं की गयी है लेकिन वास्तविक नगर तक पहुंच मार्ग की व्यवस्था करने और अन्य प्राथमिक निर्माण कार्यों पर 1.55 करोड़ रुपये की रकम खर्च की गयी है।

(ग) बूढ़ी नदी ने कुछ समय पूर्व अपना मार्ग बदल लिया है, पुल का अभिकल्प और नियंत्रण कार्य नये सिरे से तयार किये जा रहे हैं। दोनों राज्य सरकारों द्वारा नियंत्रण कार्य के लिए भुगतान करने पर सहमत होने और अभिकल्पों को अंतिम रूप दिये जाने के बाद ही पुल का निर्माण कार्य शुरू किया जा सकता है।

श्रीमती जेठों में श्रीमती जेठों

451. श्री हर मोहन वर्मा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने दिल्ली के शहीद जेठों में नए शहीदालय खोलने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है तथा वे कहाँ कहाँ खोले जायेंगे और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री रवि राय) (क) और (ख) जी हां। दिल्लीप्रशासन का 1978-79 के दौरान मदनपुर बाबस, और महिलापुर में दो नए डिस्पेंसरियाँ खोलने का विचार है।

Expenditure on High Commission in Britain

452. SHRI PRADYUMNABAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual expenditure incurred on our High Commission in Britain;

(b) the names of various wings dividing various items of work in this High Commission and their personnel strength; and

(c) the details of activities of each wing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) Annual expenditure is of the order of Rs. 3.05 crores.

(b) and (c). Names of various wings, their respective strength and their functions are given in the statement placed on the table of the House. In 1959, its strength was 1345 which has been gradually brought down to the present strength of 391.

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Statement

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Name	Strength
1	2
Administrative Wing including Establishment, Telegraph, Mails Protocol, Projects & Maintenance and Hindi Units	82 (This includes staff for common services like Security Guard, Messengers and Chaffers).
Political Wing	6
Finance & Accounts Wing	47
Consular Wing	42
Information and Cultural Wing	13

1	2
Economic and Commercial Wing	23
Supply Wing	123
Defence Services Wing including Military, Navy and Air Units	38
Education and Scientific Wing	9
Legal Adviser's Office	3
Railway Adviser's Office	5
Total strength	391

(c) Brief details of activities of each wing are enumerated below :

Administrative wing deals with establishment matters of all personnel, including issue of scale items of furniture, crockery & cutlery, provision and maintenance of office & residential accommodations, supplies and services, including government vehicles, mails telegraph, telex, telephones etc. In addition it deals with security matters and attends to protocol activities (reception of VIPs etc. diplomatic privileges and immunities.

Political wing deals with political and commonwealth matters.

Finance & Accounts Wings deals with all matters involving financial advice, payments and accounting work including preparation, review and revision of Budget Estimates and annual appropriation accounts. The wing also deals with disbursements made on behalf of different department of Central Government, State Governments and certain Public Sector Undertakings.

Consular Wing deals with passport, visa and other consular services covering an estimated 5,00,000 Indian nationals, besides 1,33,000 persons of Indian origin in U.K.

Information and Cultural Wing deals with general publicity work, maintains a large library of books, a reading room and a films library besides

promoting cultural activities, all of which are designed to project the right image of India.

Economic and Commercial wing deal with export promotion, bilateral economic relations, work arising from India's membership of various international organisations etc.

Supply wing has five purchase directorates—shipping directorate, an inspection branch, a coordination section, a credit control cell and a Computer Cell. It deals with all purchases of goods made on behalf of Indian Government departments in U.K. and the Continent and pre-shipment inspection of such goods.

Defence services wing deals with normal defence service matters.

Education and Scientific wing looks after students' welfare and admission and handles educational and scientific liaison work. Its services cover about 2,300 Indian students studying in U.K. The scientific officer maintains close liaison with various research institutions and laboratories in United Kingdom.

Legal Adviser's office deals apart from tendering advice to the various wings of the High Commission with cargo claims, salvage, demurrage/despatch, rate of exchange disputes in relation to payments/receipts to/from ship owners etc.

Railway Adviser's office maintains liaison with the British Transport Ministry and Railways and other connected organisations in relation to requirements of their counterparts in India.

Major Ports

453. SHRI KUMARI ANANTHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the massive programme to orient and equip five major ports with modern facilities for handling the growing traffic, which has been undertaken by the Ministry;

(b) whether the Japanese consultants commissioned for preparing a detailed project report on the construction of new shipyard at Hizira in Gujarat and Paradeep in Orissa; and

(c) whether any such massive programme has been thought of for augmenting road transport facilities in the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Modernisation of Ports is a continuous process. A sum of about Rs. 957 crores has been spent on the 10 major ports during the last 27 years. Plans for improvement and modernisation of floating craft, plant and equipment, construction of shore facilities and provision of mechanised systems for handling bulk commodities. Planning Commission have tentatively indicated a sum of Rs. 390 crores for the development plans of the major ports in the Plan period 1978-83.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As the executive authority for Road Transport vests with the State Governments/Union Territories Administration, the programmes for augmenting road transport facilities are

prepared by them. These are considered and approved by the Planning Commission every year alongwith their other Plan programmes.

Platform Facilities at Sankari Drug

454. SHRI R. KOLANTHAIVELU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the very inconvenient platform facilities at Sankari Drug in Salem District; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to effect improvement in the platform facilities at that station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Sankari Drug is a way side station on the Erode Salem Section of the Southern Railway. The main platform (i.e. island platform) at this station is of high level and is 244 metres long. The 2nd platform (on the southern side) is of rail level and is 183 metres long. Considering the level of passenger traffic at this station, the platform facilities provided are considered adequate for the present.

किसान रेली बाल बिन टिकटों का बक किया जाना तथा दिल्ली जाने वाली रेलगाड़ी का बरह किया जाना

455. श्री बोलत राय सारण : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 23 दिसम्बर को जिस दिन किसान रेली का आयोजन किया गया था दिल्ली जाने वाली कितनी वाली गाड़ियां दिल्ली नहीं पहुंची तथा वे इस मार्ग के स्टेशनों पर रोक दी गईं;

(ख) क्या उस दिन देश में रेलगाड़ियों में मजिस्ट्रेटों और पुलिस के बिगैव बस्तों द्वारा टिकट बिक करने की व्यवस्था की गई थी;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस कार्य के लिये किसने मजिस्ट्रेट और पुलिस के बस्ते दाय्यत किये थे; और