

Bhubaneshwar road and construction of four lanes to avoid accidents taking place frequently; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) and (b). Due to financial constraints the widening of Cuttack-Bhubaneshwar Road to four lanes could not be considered for inclusion in the five year plan (1978—83). However, this work would be considered for inclusion in the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980—85) depending upon the availability of resources and other priorities.

Arrest of Ticketless Travellers at Delhi/New Delhi

4661. **SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of ticketless travellers were arrested in Delhi and New Delhi Railway Stations on the 23rd and 24th June, 1980; and

(b) if so, the number of passengers arrested and the total amount collected on these two days?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). No ticketless traveller was arrested at Delhi and New Delhi Stations on 23rd and 24th June, 1980. However, 57 persons were detected without tickets or with improper tickets and a sum of Rs. 890.20 was realised from them as railway dues.

Number of Apprentices Receiving Training

4662. **SHRI BHIKHU RAM JAIN:** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of apprentices receiving training in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for reduction in their number in succeeding years; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to enable larger number of people to receive apprentice training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) The number of apprentices receiving training at the end of March, in respect of previous three years is as under:

1977	1.58 lakhs
1978	1.41 lakhs
1979	1.25 lakhs

(b) and (c). The engagement of large number of apprentices affected the quality of training and the employment prospects of the passed-out apprentices. To correct this imbalance, efforts were made to improve the quality of training by impressing on the Apprenticeship Advisers and the employers that the number of apprentices to be engaged for training should be realistically co-related to the actual physical training facilities available in each establishment.

Markanda Bridge

4663. **SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:**
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 1250-foot long Markanda bridge on the Ambala-Delhi Highway, which has been inaugurated recently, has been closed to traffic;

(b) if so, concrete reasons therefor; and

(c) action proposed to be taken in the matter?