National Highways in West Bengal

7020. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent for the maintenance of National Highways in West Bengal for the last three years and the proposed new highways in the State; and
- (b) the National Highways which are at present under construction in West Bengal, amount sanctioned, already spent and the target date of completion of these National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). The amount of final allotment made and actual expenditure incurred on the maintenance of existing National Highways in West Bengal during the said period is as under:—

Year		Final allotment	Actual expenditure
		(Rs. in lakhs)	
1977-78	•	156,16	183.71
1978-79		231.95	250.72
1979-80	•	213.16	268,24

The State of West Bengal is served by National Highways Nos. 2, 6, 31, 31C, 32, 34, 35 and 41 having a total length of 1334 kms. There is no proposal at present to declare any new National Highway. Improvement of these highway, is being done on a continuous basis having regard to the traffic moving on these routes the nature of soil and environment through which these National Highways pass. From the beginning of 4th Plan till 1980, a large number of works were sanctioned for their improvement and an expediture about Rs. 36 crores has been incurred upto 1-4-1980, leaving a bank of sanction of about Rs. 19 crores. The works sanctioned so far are likely to be completed within the 6th Plan period subject to availability of resources and priority of works on the National Highway system as a whole.

दिल्ली-गेरठ शटल गाड़ियां के डिक्बे

7021. श्री राम ग्रवध : क्या रेल मंत्री वह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली मेरठ के बीच चलने बाली शटल गाड़ियों के डिब्बे बहुत खराब हालत में हैं और इसके फलस्वरूप यात्रियों को अनेक कठिनाइयौँ का सामना करना पड़ता है: और
- (ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस बारे में कोई कार्यवाही करेगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय मंत्री कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) जी नहीं। दिल्ली तथा मेरठ के बीच चलते वाली शटल गाडियों के प्राय: सभी सवारी डिब्बों की पिछले तीन महीनों के दौरान भली प्रकार में आवधिक श्रोबरहाल तथा मरम्मत की गयी है। टिमिनल पर इन सवारी डिब्बों के अनुरक्षण की एक उपयुक्त योजना है, जहां इनकी मली प्रकार जांच की जाती है तथा इनकी देख-रेख की जाती है। इन सवारी डिब्बों के सम्बन्ध में कोई विशिष्ट शिकायन नहीं मिली है तथा इनकी सामान्य हालत मंतेष्यनक समझी जाती है।

(ख) प्रजन नहीं उठता ।

Locomotive Capacity Utilisation

- 7022. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that capacity utilisation for the manufacture of locomotives has shown a marked fall;