

**Amount Sanctioned for Construction and repairs of Tribal roads in Rajasthan**

3265. SHRI JAI NARAIN ROAT : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount sanctioned from the Central funds for construction and repair of roads in the tribal areas of Rajasthan during 1977—80, year-wise ; and

(b) the amount so far spent for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) : Under the Central sector Roads Programme, a number of roads serve tribal areas. Since, 1977, a total sum of Rs. 629.73 lakhs was spent upto 31-3-1980 on road stretches including bridges under the Central Sector Roads Programme serving the tribal areas of the State of Rajasthan.

**Doubling of Gaya-Patna Line**

3266. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made with regard to the doubling of the railway line between Gaya and Patna junction ; and

(b) whether it would be completed in Sixth Five Year Plan period and what is the time schedule for the completion of the same ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b). As no such work has so far been included in the Railway's plan, the question of its progress,

or its completion during the Sixth Five Year Plan, does not, as yet, arise. Incidentally, doubling of the route is not as yet justified on the present requirements of traffic.

**Working of Joint Commissions to promote economic relations with the East European countries**

3267. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the working of various Joint Commissions set up to promote economic relations with East European countries ; and

(b) if not, the steps being contemplated to monitor the progress of various agreements concluded during the deliberations of such Commissions ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, it may be noted that Government continue to monitor the progress of various agreements concluded during the deliberations of such Commissions through inter-Ministerial discussions and through official level discussions with the countries concerned through the machinery of Working Groups, wherever necessary.

**Inadequate Staff at R.P.O. Madras**

3268. SHRI C. CHINNASWAMY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Regional Passport Office at Madras do not have sufficient staff :

(b) whether it is also a fact that people in that area are getting their passport after a long time ;