

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) The alignment will bypass the towns of Hubli and Dharwar on the western side of the existing National Highway. It will take off near Km. 403 and join it near Km. 433.

(b) The length of the bypass will be about 30 Kilometers. The estimated cost of the project is about Rs. 390 lakhs.

(c) Construction has not yet started. Project is expected to be completed in about five years time barring unforeseen problems.

(d) The proposal for construction of the bypass could not be considered due to overall financial constraints and other inter se priorities. Acquisition of land for the bypass is now provided in the Annual Plan for 1981-82. The construction of the same is also proposed in the 6th Five Year Plan (1980-85).

Demand of All India C.G.H.S. Employees Association for Separate Directorate

2691. **SHRI P.K. KODIYAN :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Central Government Health Scheme Employees Association has demanded that the scheme be declared a separate directorate ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) and (b). No. C.G.H.S. is already functioning as a separate subordinate office, under Director (CGHS).

Overbridge at Midnapore Jhargram

2692. **SHRI SUDHIR KUMAR GIRI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of an overbridge to replace the existing level crossings at Midnapore, Jhargram, Tamluk and Balichak towns ;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c). Construction of road over/under-bridges in replacement of existing busy level crossings is undertaken by the Railways jointly and on cost-sharing basis with the State Governments/Road Authorities, who are required to sponsor firm proposals therefor and give an undertaking to bear about 50% of the cost as per extant rules.

No firm proposal for construction of a road over-bridge in replacement of any of the level crossings near Midnapore, Jhargram and Balichak has so far been sponsored by the State Govt./Road Authorities.

There is a proposal for construction of two road over-bridges in replacement of existing level crossings near Tamluk as part of the project estimate for Panskura-Haldia New Line. However, the proposal has been kept in abeyance as present volume of traffic at these level crossings is not adequate to justify provision of road over-bridges at this stage.