

जयपुर कोटा, भालवाड़ भोपाल राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग के लिए 1980-81 के दौरान आवंटित राशि

2787. श्री कृष्ण कुमार गोयल : क्या नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जयपुर-कोटा-भालवाड़-भोपाल राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर कुल कितनी अनुमानित राशि व्यय होगी और वर्ष 1980-81 के लिए कितनी रकम आवंटित की गई है ?

नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री (श्री वीरेन्द्र (पाटिल) : जयपुर-भालवाड़-भोपाल मार्ग में से जयपुर-व्यौरा खण्ड फरवरी, 1981 में ही राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित किया गया था। चूँकि राज्य सरकार ने इस खंड के लिए धनराशि की कोई मांग नहीं की थी, इसलिए इसके लिए 1980-81 में धन राशि नियत करने का प्रश्न ही नहीं हुआ था। लेकिन इस मार्ग के व्यौरा-भोपाल खण्ड के विकास के लिए जो पहले से ही राजमार्ग है, 1980-81 में 45.95 लाख रुपये नियत किये गये थे। जहाँ तक खर्च का सम्बन्ध है, राजस्थान और मध्य प्रदेश सरकारों से इस मार्ग का सर्वेक्षण कर स्थिति का जायजा लेने का अनुरोध किया गया है। इस सर्वेक्षण के पूरे हो जाने, इस खंड के विकास के लिए योजनाएं बनाई जाएंगी। व्यौरा भोपाल खंड के लिए जो 1980-81 में पहले से ही राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग था 1980-85 की योजना में कुल 295.22 लाख रुपये की परियोजनाएं स्वीकृत करने का प्रस्ताव है।

Central Status to State Universities

2788. PROF. K. K. TIWARY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain State Governments have approached the Ministry

of Education for granting central status to some of their existing Universities ;

(b) whether the demand is justified on the ground of these States being economically and educationally backward ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) to (c) : In September 1977, the Government of Bihar approached the Central Government for conversion of Patna University into a Central University. The proposal was carefully considered but was not accepted. No such proposal has been received from any other State Government.

World Health Organisation's Efforts to Diminish the Incidence of Smoking

2789. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of smoking has increased in India during the last three years ;

(b) whether it is a fact that World Health Organisation is making systematic efforts to diminish the incidence of smoking in view of health hazards ; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI Nihar Ranjan Laskar) : (a) A recent ICMR survey of National Tobacco Statistics has revealed a changing pattern of tobacco usage over a period of time.

Cigarette consumption per adult, which was around 100 at the beginning of the 50s, almost doubled at the end of 60s and has stayed around 200 during the 70s. Number of bidis smoked are estimated around 1000 per adult during 50s and 60s and has increased to a figure of 1500 in the mid 70s. On the other hand, there has been decline in the habit of chewing tobacco, smoking hukka and chutta.

(b) Anti-smoking campaigns and workshops are being organised by the World Health Organisation to reduce the prevalence of smoking in view of health hazards. One such workshop was organised at the Fourth Asian Cancer Conference held in Bombay in 1978, and another one is likely to be held at Colombo during 5th Asian Cancer Conference. In addition the Technical Report Series No. 636 brought out by WHO in 1979 on "Controlling Smoking Epidemic" lays down strategies for smoking control at international level, national level, strategies for key groups and role of the Government.

(c) Government have taken various steps to discourage the habit of the smoking in the country vide statement enclosed.

Statement

The following steps have been taken by the Government to discourage smoking :—

1. In order to provide certain restrictions in the production, supply and distribution of cigarettes, the Government of India has enacted a legislation namely "The Cigarettes (Regulation of production, supply and distribution) Act, 1975" which is in force with effect from 1-4-76 and forwarded the same to the State Governments for implementation.

2. Several States have passed laws prohibiting juvenile smoking and smoking in public places like cinema halls, buses etc.

3. Mass publicity campaigns on the hazards of smoking have been undertaken through publication and massmedia by the Central Health Education Bureau of the Health Ministry.

4. The Central Health Education Bureau has also developed health education syllabus which includes the topic related to hazards of smoking and its bad effects on health for use of students of Classes IX and X under the Central Board of Secondary Education.

5. Advertisements concerning cigarettes have statutorily to include the warning "Cigarette Smoking is injurious to Health". At present there is no proposal to ban display of advertisements regarding scale of tobacco preparations.

6. The All India Radio and Door Darshan have taken a decision not to accept advertisements regarding cigarettes and other tobacco products in their commercial services.

7. Indian Airlines have decided to extend the "No smoking Area" in the various aircrafts and have stopped the permissive announcement "you may smoke, if you wish".

8. Central Health Education Bureau has also played an active role in producing educational/publicity material, issuing display advertisement in major newspapers/magazines bringing out special numbers of SWASTH HIND and AROGYA SANDESH, holding exhibitions in the Capital and producing posters warning people on hazards of smoking.

Renovation of Jubilee Bridge

2790. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to renovate the Jubilee Bridge, over the Ganges, connecting Bandal Junction and Naihati Junction in Eastern Railway; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to repair the above bridge ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No.

(b) Certain cracks noticed in the pedestal base of the bridge bearings at the Naihati end of Jubilee bridge have been repaired by welding. These are standing well. The inspection repairs to bridges are continuous process.

Historical Project "Towards Freedom"

2791. SHRI B.D. SINGH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a historical project 'Towards Freedom' to present the Indian point of view to counter balance 'The Transfer of Power' published by the British Government had been taken up by Government;

(b) if so, when this project was taken up;

(c) the expenditure incurred so far on the project;

(d) what was the time limit, if any, prescribed for the completion of the project; and

(e) what are the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1972-73.

(c) Rs. 40.84 Lakhs upto 31-3-81.

(d) No time limit had been fixed. However, the Indian Council of Historical Research proposes to publish the volumes by March, 1988.

(e) Does not arise.

Shooting by BBC in Himalayan Region

2792. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) has BBC done shooting in the Forbidden areas of Himalayan Region including the strategic points of Tehri Dam and Tehri Bridge without obtaining the statutory clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs ;

(b) is it not second defiance, first being Ghotul-Bastar's filming, and if so, what action has been taken against the law breaker ; and

(c) does the Government not feel that under these circumstances BBC should be blacklisted and should not be allowed shooting in India any more ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) In November 1980, the BBC had requested permission to make two documentary films, namely, (a) "The Musk Connection" and (b) "The