

### Widening of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Highway

602. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for widening of National Highways of the country particularly where accidents are taking place very frequently due to their narrow width;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has a proposal for widening of 22 Km. Cuttack-Bhubaneswar stretch of the National Highway No. 5 to four lanes;

(c) whether the above work would be completed by the end of current financial year; and

(d) the details about the estimated cost, amount sanctioned or to be sanctioned therefor and the progress made so far in this regard?

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

(a) Yes Sir. Widening of National Highways in the country has been provided for in the year 1980-85 Plan to the extent possible within the financial constraints as per traffic and safety requirements and inter-se priority of the various improvement works necessary.

(b) to (d). Provision of Rs. 3 crores has been made in the year 1980-85 Plan for widening selected portion of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar section of National Highway No. 5 to four lanes including land acquisition required for the same. The estimates to be sanctioned against this work have not yet been received in this Ministry.

### हज तीर्थ यात्रियों का कोटा

603. श्री गोलाम मोहम्मद खां: क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उन की जनसंख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए भिन्न भिन्न

राज्यों में हज तीर्थ-यात्रियों का कोटा बहुत कम है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव): (क) जी नहीं। हर वर्ष हज यात्रा पर जाने वाले भारतीय तीर्थयात्रियों की संख्या का निर्धारण इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए किया जाता है कि इस प्रयोजन के लिए कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा उपलब्ध कराई जा सकती है और सऊदी अरब में वहां जिनसे और सेवाओं के वर्तमान मूल्यों के आधार पर यात्रियों को कितना धन खर्च करना पड़ सकता है। इस प्रकार उपलब्ध सीटों का वितरण राज्यों और केन्द्र शासित क्षेत्रों में अद्यतन जनगणना के अनुसार मुस्लिम जनसंख्या के आधार पर किया जाता है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

### Salvage operation of the submerged Bogies of Samastipur-Banmankhi Passenger Train

604. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 12th June, 1981 Indian Navy ended their five day old operations to salvage the submerged bogies of the ill-fated Samastipur-Banmankhi Passenger train and extricating the bogies inside or under them,

(b) if so, whether the NER authorities suggested to stop the operations to salvage the submerged bogies for it would be costlier than the cost of acquisition of new bogies to replace the lost ones;

(c) is it also a fact that only one bogie was pulled out of the total six bogies that submerged in the river; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the total cost of each bogie that was lost?