

7. Fellowships etc./Career awards.
8. Instrumentation Centres.
9. Central Sophisticated Instruments facilities.
10. Computer Centres.
11. Science Education Centres.

Indian's Relations with West Germany

4052. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what note worthy developments, if any, have taken place in regard to India's relations with West Germany, during the last two months, in the cultural, economic and diplomatic fields?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): Relations between India and the Federal Republic of Germany are multi-dimensional in nature and have flourished over the years. Cooperation between the two countries in a variety of fields has been both extensive and intensive.

Specifically, in the last two months, the following events have occurred in Indo-FRG relations:

(a) Lodi Estate Road No. 2 in South Delhi was renamed Max Mueller Marg as a tribute to the great German scholar who contributed so much to the Western world's understanding of India.

(b) An Exhibition of German expressionist paintings from the FRG was held in the National Gallery of Modern Art. The Exhibition was organised under the Indo-German Cultural Exchange programme.

Bad condition of National Highway Nos. 4, 7 and 40

4053. SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that many

National Highways like National Highway Nos. 4, 7 and part of 40 are in bad shape and require urgent attention to make the roads pucca; and

(b) whether Government propose to take immediate steps to repair the roads and bridges on these National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Government of India are aware of the general condition of all the National Highways as it is their responsibility to look after their development and maintenance. The National Highways are being constantly improved and maintained in a traffic-worthy condition within the over-all financial constraints.

National Highway Nos. 4, 7 and 40 are in a traffic-worthy condition. Strengthening of stretches on these National Highways, in a phased manner, is already in progress. Special repairs and flood damage repairs are sanctioned wherever stretches get heavily damaged due to monsoons etc.

छपरा जंक्शन से चलने वाली रेलगाड़ियां

4054. प्रो. संत्यदेष सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर पूर्व रेलवे के छपरा जंक्शन से पूर्व और पश्चिम की ओर जाने वाली रेलगाड़ियां रोजाना पांच से छः घंटे विलम्ब से चलती हैं;

(ख) क्या लोको शेड से इंजनों के आने में विलम्ब होने से ऐसा होता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संबंधीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (ग). लोको शेड से इंजनों के चलने में देरी के कारण छपरा स्टेशन से गाड़ियों के विलम्ब से प्रस्थान के कुछ मामले हुए हैं।