

Roads in West Bengal

2602. Shri Anurghade Ghosal: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have given any grant to the West Bengal Government for construction of roads during 1958-59; and

(b) if so, what is the amount?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Rs. 22.54 lakhs has been offered from the Central Road Fund Ordinary Reserve.

Rs. 10.10 lakhs have been given for roads of inter-state or economic importance.

[These amounts do not include money allocated for National Highways which is a direct expenditure and not a grant].

Over-Bridge at Lahori Gate in Delhi

2603 Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1681 on the 17th December, 1958 and state the further progress made so far in the reconstruction of the Railway over-bridge at Lahori Gate, Delhi?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The work for widening the approaches is still held up due to certain difficulties in obtaining vacant possession of the land. Some of the occupants have gone to court and a decision is awaited.

Development of Minor Ports

2604. Shri Elayaperumal: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the amount allotted to improve the Minor Ports in Madras State during the years 1958-59 and 1959-60?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Government of Madras have intimated that they would spend Rs. 2,91,317 on approved schemes for development of Minor Ports in 1958-59. A loan of Rs. 1,29,100 has been given to the State Government. For 1959-60, the Planning Commission have approved a provision of Rs. 1 lakh in the State Government's budget for execution of development schemes relating to Minor Ports.

Holding up of Trains

2605. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of cases of holding-up of trains by passengers including students as a protest against late running of trains during the last six months?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): There were 15 cases of holding-up of trains by passengers including students as a protest against late running of trains on Indian Government Railways during the last six months from September, 1958 to February, 1959.

Construction of Roads in Madras

2606 Shri Elayaperumal: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a Scheme from Madras State for roads to be constructed during 1959-60 under the Central Road Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, whether the Scheme has been approved; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). No programme of schemes proposed to be constructed specifically during 1959-60 from the Central Road Fund has been received from the Government of Madras.