

provision of Rs. 90.26 lakhs and Rs. 26.39 lakhs was included in the Second Five Year Plan for the road transport schemes on the former State of Punjab and Pepsu respectively. Since the Punjab State has not set up a Road Transport Corporation so far, no expenditure has been allowed to be incurred from the plan provision, but some extension of nationalised services has taken place there, which was financed from their own resources.

So far as the former Pepsu area is concerned, an expenditure of Rs. 17.70 is likely to be incurred upto the end of the current financial year. The targets in respect of route mileage and vehicles and the likely achievements upto 31st March, 1960 are indicated below:

Target	Achievements upto 31-3-60	
Route Mileage	788 miles	637 miles
Diesel buses	103	58

The Ministry of Railways have contributed a sum of Rs. 7.176 lakhs (upto 31st March, 1959) as their share towards the capital of the Pepsu State Road Transport Corporation, which started functioning from 16th October, 1956.

Apart from the above, no other assistance has been given to the Punjab Government for their bus transport nationalisation schemes.

National Highway in Punjab

1508. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of the metalled and unmetalled National Highways in Punjab; and

(b) the time by which the unmetalled length is likely to be metalled?

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

mileage of National Highways in Punjab is 795. All this mileage is metalled.

(b) Does not arise.

Simple Fertiliser Co-ordinated Trials

1509. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agronomy Division of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi has a scheme of Simple Fertiliser co-ordinated trials in operation;

(b) if so, which are the States in which these trials are being conducted;

(c) how long these trials have been going on; and

(d) what are the results and the main recommendations made to the cultivators based on these trials?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Yes.

(b) States:

1. Andhra Pradesh.
2. Assam.
3. Bihar
4. Bombay
5. Kerala
6. Madhya Pradesh
7. Madras
8. Mysore
9. Orissa
10. Punjab
11. Rajasthan
12. Uttar Pradesh
13. West Bengal.

Union Territories:

1. Delhi.
2. Himachal Pradesh.

(c) In 13 States/Union Territories since 1953 and in the remaining 2 since 1960.