

### Replacement of iron bridge over Tista River

4132. SHRI P. M. SUBBA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace the iron bridge over Tista River by a suitable R.C.C. bridge;

(b) whether the present bridge is not enough for military movement in emergency; and

(c) the reason why Government are not well maintaining these main roads leading to important passes like Nathu La, Gelep La, Congsi La, etc. which are very very important from defence point of view?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. The replacement of the existing bailey bridge over the river Tista at Km 29 on National Highway 31 by a permanent bridge is under consideration.

(b) The present bridge is adequate for military movement during emergency.

(c) All the roads leading to these Passes are being maintained as per defence requirements.

### Taking over of M/s. Kalinga Tubes by Indian Metals and Ferro Alloy Ltd., Orissa

4133. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Metals and Ferro Alloy Limited Orissa showed by loss to the Income Tax Department in 1980-81 to 81-82 or in any year for its taking over of the management of M/s. Kalinga Tubes as its subsidiary amalgamation; and

(b) if so, what loss it had shown on M/s. Kalinga Tubes Limited of Chowduar in Orissa to Income Tax Department when it applied for its amalgamation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO): (a) and (b). The Orissa High Court in its order dated 11-12-1981 has directed that the business of M/s. Kalinga Tubes Ltd. has been merged with M/s. Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Limited and that the business of the amalgamating company is deemed to be carried out by the amalgamated company with effect from 1-1-1979. Prior to the said order of the High Court, M/s. Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Limited had shown the following profits for the assessment years 1980-81 & 1981-82.

Assessment Year	Profit shown Rs.
1980-81	1,01,51,620
1981-82	2,47,60,760

As a result of the order of the Orissa High Court, M/s. Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Limited is claiming the prior losses of Rs. 6,35,05,310 of M/s. Kalinga Tubes Ltd., relating to the latter's assessment years 1976-77 to 1979-80. M/s. Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Limited has made an application under the provisions of section 72A of the Income-tax Act, 1961 before the specified authority for the set-off of loss of M/s. Kalinga Tubes Ltd., against its own profits, but the specified authority has so far not passed any orders on this application.

### Formation/Recognition of SC/ST employees association

4134. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Commissioner for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes' is continuously recommending since 1973-74 for the recognition of at least one service Association of SC/ST employees in each Organisation/Government Departments etc. for the purpose of redress-