

(b) if so, the time by which the Moghal Road will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) The State Government are Pressing for providing an alternative highway to National Highway No. 1A to connect Jammu with Srinagar, and have suggested an alignment along the Moghal Road via Rajouri, Poonch, Bafliaz, Shopian and Pulwama. However, this new road, as and when constructed, would be a State Road and as such all matters pertaining to its construction etc. are to be dealt with by the State Government.

Amount spent on batote-doda national Highway

3074. SARI ABDUL RASHID KABULI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have declared the Batote-Doda road in Jammu & Kashmir as National Highway; and

(b) if so, amount spent on it so far, and time by which the road will be fully developed according to schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) The Batote-Doda-Kishtwar road was declared as National Highway No. 1B in June, 1977.

(b) This National Highway is to be developed to single-lane N.H. Standards. The improvement/development works were started in 1979 and an expenditure of Rs. 4.30 crores has been incurred upto March, 1983. Development work is to be carried over to the 7th plan and would be completed thereafter depending upon the availability of funds.

Dancing troupes visit abroad

3075. SHRI BRAJI MOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many dancing troupes sponsored by Government or Governmental agencies visited the foreign countries during 1982-83 and 1983-84 upto May end which of the countries they visited with name of leading dancers in each troupe;

(b) whether all classical dances of the country have been projected through these cultural troupes; and

(c) whether any Orissi dancers represented India in such troupes, if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) Details of performing troupes sent out by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in 1982-83 and upto May 1983 are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library. See No. LT-6865 83].

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. The names of these Orissi dancers are (i) Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra, (ii) Smt. Sanjukta Panigrahi, (iii) Km. Malavika Sarukkai, and (iv) Smt. Malti Parikh. Details regarding visits by these dancers may be seen in the statement.

An Orissa Folk dance group led by Sri Bhagban Sahu of Narendrapur (Orissa) was also sent to participate in the Festival of India in UK and to give performances in Spain in November 1982.

Setting up of Cement Plant in Nepal

3076. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian delegation had gone to Nepal in the first week of June to finalise the setting up of a cement plant there and to discuss in depth the assistance India had offered for setting up 12 industrial projects in Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details about the outcome of the aforesaid discussions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir, a four

member delegation visited Nepal from 2.6.83 to 8.6.83 with a view to finalising the details of the cement plant proposed to be set up as an Indo-Nepal Joint-Venture Project at Jaljal, in Udaipur district of Nepal. The delegation also held discussions on bilateral industrial projects under implementation and the follow-up to our commitment at the UNIDO Solidarity meeting held at Kathmandu last year.

(b) Regarding the proposed Joint Venture Cement Plant, it was decided that the Plant would be of the capacity of 1,200 tpd. The debt : equity was agreed upon at 3 : 1 of which CCI on behalf of Govt. of India would hold 45% of the equity capital and the remaining 55% would be held by HMGN and its fully owned public organisations.

In the case of the 12 industrial projects these have merely, at this stage been identified and, within an amount of Rs. 1 crore pledged, one of them, selected mutually by both Govts., will be taken up for consideration.

Requirements of Delhi University and College Lecturers

3077. SHRI BABURAO PARANJPE :
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 85 replied in Rajya Sabha on 25 February, 1983 and Unstarred Question No. 801 replied on 24-2-83 regarding offer made to Delhi University Teachers and state :

(a) what will be the actual/estimated future requirements for promoting Delhi University and College lecturers in the next five years assuming that all those eligible are selected for promotion ;

(b) how many University and College lecturers are presently eligible for promotion under the eligibility criteria passed by the Delhi University and how many would be eligible if the University were to accept UGC's objections ; and

(c) to what percentage in excess of 1/3rd of all teachers will 'necessary adjustments be made in the overall formula so that no eligible teacher is denied promotion due to non-availability of positions for placement' in the next five years/ten years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The University has not made any projection of the number of positions required promotion of teachers during the next five years.

(b) Teachers who fulfil the eligibility criteria have been asked to submit their self-assessment proforma by August 16, 1983. The University will be in a position to indicate the number of eligible teachers at present only after the proformae have been received and scrutinised.

(c) The University has not made any such assessment of the future needs.

Meeting of Standing Committee on Co-operation in the Field of Public Health and Medical Sciences

3078. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL :
SHRI R. L. BHATIA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the Standing Committee on Co-operation in the field of public health and medical sciences between India and the Soviet Union was held recently in Moscow ; and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed and outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) Yes.

(b) The Standing Committee reviewed the progress of work done in the six identified areas of cooperation, namely, communicable diseases, immunology and vaccines production, neurophysiology, blood and blood products, ophthalmology and oncology, contained in the Plan of Co-operation signed