

(a) whether a demand has been received by his Ministry for introducing a superfast train between Delhi and Howrah ; and

(b) if so, decision taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not considered necessary as of present to introduce an additional superfast train between Delhi and Howrah insofar as the occupancy of the superfast train like Rajdhani Express is only 8½%. The question of increasing the number of bogies on the fast trains and running these on double headed train on this section is reviewed constantly and would continue to be done and if warranted necessary action taken.

Construction of a Bye-Pass Outside Panipat on National Highway No. 1

1553. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is proposal to construct a Bye-pass outside Panipat on the National Highway No. 1 ;

(b) if so, by what time the work is likely to start thereon ;

(c) whether the work of acquiring land for the Bye-pass has been taken in hand ; and

(d) the likely cost to be incurred thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) A proposal for the suggested Bye-pass has been received from the State Govt. However its inclusion in the plan depends upon a number of factors, such as results of feasibility and traffic studies ; inter-se-priority of this work and availability of funds. It is, therefore, likely to take sometime to finalise a view in the matter.

b) to (d). Do not arise at present.

Yamuna Bridge Near Karnal

1554. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct a bridge over river Yamuna near Karnal ; and

(b) if so, the assistance provided by the Central Government and by what time the work is likely to be started thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government of India have agreed to provide a loan assistance of Rs. 3.00 crores under the Central Aid Programme of State Roads of inter-State or Economic Importance as a part of the 6th Plan towards the cost of construction of a bridge over Yamuna near Karnal on Karnal-Meerut road. The State Government have, however, yet to forward a detailed estimate for this work to the Government of India for their sanction. According to the State Government who are primarily concerned with this bridge, the construction is expected to start by March, 1985.

Spread of Education in Haryana

155 . SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the Literacy rate in the State of Haryana (sex-wise) ; and

(b) whether Government have any crash programme to spread education at a faster rate, specially among girls ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) According to the 1981 Census, the literacy position in Haryana is as under :

Percentage of Literacy (including age-group 0-4)

Male	Female	Total
48.20	22.27	36.14