

**Fraudulent Railway Parcel Receipts**

48. **Shri Agadi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a gang operating in Railway Parcel Receipt fraud cases at Vijayawada, Southern Railway has been discovered;

(b) if so, how many fraudulent Railway Parcel receipts have come to the notice of the railway authorities;

(c) the amounts involved therein, and

(d) the action taken by the authorities, with results thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) Two.

(c) Rs. 9,000.

(d) Three members of the gang were arrested on 22-2-1962 at Khammameth, Central Railway, by the Railway Protection Force of Southern Railway, with the assistance of the local police. A case has been registered by the Khammameth Town Police in their Station C. R. Nos. 49 to 51 under Sec. 54 and 550 Cr. P.C. Investigations are in progress.

**Punjab Hill Roads**

49. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that has been allocated by the Centre to the Punjab Government for the construction of roads in the Punjab Hills during the year 1961-62 so far, and the amount proposed to be given during the year 1962-63; and

(b) the amount that has been given from the Central Road Fund for this purpose?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). The following amounts have been

allocated for the construction of roads in the Punjab during the years 1961-62 and 1962-63:

	1961-62	1962-63
	Revised Estimates	Budget Estimates
(Rupees in lakhs)		
1. State roads of interstate of economic importance.	9.00	12.50
2. Central Road Fund works	22.60	18.50

The allocations to cover the expenditure on the categories of road works mentioned above, are made as a lump sum for the whole State. Therefore, separate figures in respect of the roads in the Punjab Hills are not readily available. The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

No allocation has been made for the construction of National Highways in the Punjab Hills during the years 1961-62 and 1962-63.

**Roads in Himachal Pradesh**

50. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the amount that was allocated to the Himachal Pradesh for the construction of roads in 1961-62 so far and proposed to be allocated in 1962-63?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** The following provisions have been made for road works in Himachal Pradesh during 1961-62 and 1962-63:

	Revised Estimate 1961-62	Budget Estimate 1962-63
	(Rs. in Lakhs)	
(i) National Highways . . . . .	38.90	15.61
(ii) Roads other than National Highways (Capital) . . . . .	153.00	185.00
(iii) Roads other than National Highways (Revenue) . . . . .	7.15	3.80
(iv) Central Road Fund . . . . .	3.45	3.44