

(c) Government are taking steps to augment the merchant marine, to increase the percentage share of carriage of cargoes generated by India's foreign trade upto the optimum levels of about 50%. At the same time, the Conferences are being impressed upon, both from within by our Shipping line gaining admission as members thereof, and through these member-lines, and without, through discussions with the shippers and the Govt. to take into account fully the interests of India's export commodities in arriving at freight rates.

National Highway No. 37 in Assam

609. SHRI LILADHAR KOTOKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (NAUWAHAN AUR PARIWAHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state the progress made so far in the matter of attaining the prescribed standard in respect of National Highway No. 37 in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING & TRANSPORT (SANSADIYA KARYA TATHA NAUWAHAN AUR PARIWAHAN MANTRI) (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Inland Water Transport Committee Report

610. SHRI LILADHAR KOTOKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (NAUWAHAN AUR PARIWAHAN MANTRI) be please to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of the Inland Water Transport Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri B. Bhagavati;

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING & TRANSPORT (SANSADIYA KARYA TATHA NAUWAHAN AUR PARIWAHAN MANTRI) (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) A statement showing the main recommendations of the Committee is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in library see No. LT—226 171.*]

(c) The recommendations which concern the State Governments exclusively have been forward to them for implementation. Those which concern both the Central and the State Governments have been referred to the State Governments for comments. Other which concern the Central Government exclusively are being examined by the Ministries concerned. So far as the Schemes recommended for inclusion in the Fourth Plan are concerned, the position is that out of 31 schemes costing Rs. 12.42 crores, 9 schemes costing Rs. 3.15 crores (as against Rs. 5.49 crores estimated by the Committee) have so far been sanctioned. The remaining schemes are still under consideration.

Availability of School Text Books in Delhi

611. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state the steps taken to ensure that the various text books prescribed for schools in Delhi are made available to the students when the schools reopen after the summer vacation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRALAYA MEN UPMANTRI) (SHRI D. P. YADAVA): The Delhi Administration, which prescribes text books for Classes I to VIII for schools in Delhi, have stated that all out efforts are being made to make available the prescribed text books to the students

Text books for Classes IX X & XI, which are prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi, are reported to be available in the market.

#### Import of Books

612 SHRI M RAM GOPAL REDDY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state

(a) the amount being spent on the import of books from foreign countries ,

(b) whether a few of the imported books could be reprinted here after paying royalty to the writer or publisher as the case may be , and

(c) whether Government propose to ban the import of non-copyright books and Classics like Milton, Shakespeare or Dante ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRAIAYA MEN UPMANTRI (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) (a) The amount spent on import of books in 1969-70 was of the order of Rs. 4,16,62,000 and in 1970-71 (upto November, 1970) was Rs 3,26,65,000

(b) Such reprints of foreign books are possible under agreement with foreign publishers and many such books are already being reproduced in the country.

(c) No such ban is at present under consideration, but importers have been exhorted not to import books which are available in reprints in India. Importation, however, of certain books known to be

available in India, e.g. The Complete Works of Shakespeare and few other general books have also been banned.

#### Loans Advanced to different Categories of People by the State Bank of India in Gujarat

613. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI Will the Minister of FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) be pleased to state the number of farmers, landless labourers and low income people who have been given loans by the State Bank of India in Gujarat during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) (SHRI YESHWANT RAO CHAVAN) The number of farmers' borrowal accounts with State Bank and its subsidiaries in Gujarat as at the end of December, 1970 was 23050 and the amount outstanding in these accounts stood at Rs 7.79 crores. Information relating to the preceding years is not available.

Figures of loans given to landless labourers and low income people as such are not kept by the banks. However, the number of account holders to whom loans of Rs 1000/- and below have been granted by State Bank in Gujarat under 'small business finance', 'small scale industries' etc was 4927 in 1970, 3073 in 1969 and 2624 in 1968. Amounts outstanding in these accounts, however, are not available.

#### Lack of Proper Roadways in Gujarat

614 SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING &