

tion is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it becomes available.

**Dilapidated condition of Roads and Drains in Howrah, West Bengal**

1980. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the worst condition of the roads and drains in Howrah, causing lot of difficulties to the proper plying of vehicles and great inconvenience to the pedestrians;

(b) if so, the reasons for not repairing these roads and drains;

(c) whether Government propose to take immediate steps to repair these roads and drains to facilitate the smooth plying of vehicles and remove the difficulties of the pedestrians; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING: (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) Yes. It has been reported that all the major roads and drains in Howrah need thorough repair.

(b) In the past availability of adequate funds was the problem. Now non-availability of adequate wagons required for carrying stone materials from Pakur area as also that inadequate supply of road rollers and other road construction equipment are delaying the works. However, the Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority's Central Purchase Organisation has taken effective steps for obtaining materials from other sources using substitutes like blast furnace slag, gravel etc. and also trying to move materials by road.

(c) Yes. The arterial roads and main feeder roads in Howrah Municipality have

been selected for taking up repair/improvement works. Four implementing agencies viz. (i) Howrah Municipality (ii) Public Works Department, (iii) Public Works (Roads) Department and (iv) Howrah Improvement Trust have been entrusted with the repair works. Improvement of old Benaras Road from Salkia to National Highway 6 has been taken up by Public Works (Roads) Directorate at an estimated cost of Rs. 24.61 lakhs, Works expected to be completed by March, 1973. Fore-shore Road and Howrah Mourigram Road, G. T. Road, from Bally Khal Bridge to Botanical Garden Bellilious Road have been taken up by the Public Works Department at a total estimated cost of Rs. 73.79 lakhs and the works are expected to be completed by the end of 1973. Ten other Municipal roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 27.48 lakhs will be taken up shortly. Besides, Bakultalia-Sankrail Road at an estimated cost of Rs. 20.80 lakhs, Santragachi Andul Road at an estimated cost of Rs. 20.03 lakhs, Ram Charan Sett Road and Ram-rajatalla Road at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.55 lakhs, Ram Kamal Ray Road at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.76 lakhs, some other municipal roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.26 lakhs will be taken up by the Public Works (Roads) Department shortly. The Howrah Municipality has been entrusted with repairs/improvement works of about 140 roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 103.85 lakhs. The Howrah Improvement Trust will also undertake repair/improvement works in municipal roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.18 lakhs.

(d) Does not arise.

**Agricultural Engineering Workshop at Pondichery**

1981 SHRI E. R. KAISHNAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE pleased to state :

(a) whether the Agricultural Engineering Workshop at Pondichery has been set up ;

(b) if not, when it is likely to be completed ; and

(c) the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI  
ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) No.

(b) By September, 1972.

(c) The main reason for the delay in the setting up of the Workshop was the delay in selection and taking possession of a suitable site. A suitable site has since been taken over and the preparation of detailed plans and estimates by the Public Works Department is in progress, and the construction of the Workshop building is likely to commence in January, 1972.

Corruption Charges Against Deputy  
Manager Food, Corporation of India  
Visakhapatnam

1982. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF :  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be  
pleased to state :

(a) whether the Deputy Manager of  
Food Corporation of India, Visakhapatnam  
was held for corruption and any enquiry  
held in the matter ; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof and the  
steps taken by Government against that  
official ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI  
ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b).  
Yes, Sir, the matter is being investigated  
into by the Central Bureau of Investigation  
and their report is awaited. The concerned  
official has been placed under suspension.

Training of Blinds for Factory Jobs

1983. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF :  
Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have chalked  
out any plan for the training of the blind  
for factory jobs in the country ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND

SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K.S. RAMA-  
SWAMY) : (a) and (b). In the National  
Centre for the Blind Dehra Dun, set up by  
the Government of India, training is being  
given to blind persons in the following  
trades :

(1) *Industrial Section*—This includes  
such operations as :

- (i) Assembly of Components.
- (ii) Drilling.
- (iii) Shaping.
- (iv) Fly-press Operating.
- (v) Capston Lathe Operating, etc.

(2) *Cottage Industries Section* :

- (i) Weaving including Newar and  
Tape-making.
- (ii) Caning of chairs and bamboo  
work.
- (iii) Candle making.
- (iv) Bags and belts making with  
nylon and plastic case.
- (v) Knitting.

(3) *Professional Section* :

- (i) Bharati Braille.
- (ii) Standard English Braille.
- (iii) Typewriting (English).
- (iv) Typewriting (Hindi).

No separate plan has been sanctioned  
by Government for the training of the  
blind for factory jobs in the country.

Rejection of Schemes of States under  
Crash Programme

1984. SHRI DASARATHA DEB  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
pleased to state