

नंदा पुल के निर्माण का कार्य 12 मार्च, 1968 को शुरू किया गया था।

दूरे पुल के लिये प्रायः 13 एकड़ों में से 10 एकड़ों (प्रत्येक 4 कुर्छों वाला) में अभी तक केवल नीबो पर ही कार्य हो रहा है।

कुर्छों की 3274 फुट गोलाई बांध दी गई है जिससे से 2602 फुट गलाये गये हैं। 3 एकड़ के 4 कुर्छों के डाट लगा दिये गये हैं।

फरवरी, 1972 के अन्त तक समस्त भौतिक प्रगति लगभग 29 प्रतिशत नहीं जा सकती है।

Book Week

2929. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 'Book Week' was observed throughout the country during March, 1972;

(b) how this Week was celebrated; and

(c) what efforts were made/are being made to foster reading habits among people ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. A 'Book Week' was observed from 18 to 24 March, 1972.

(b) The Book Week was noticed with a fairly extensive publicity campaign. The National Book Trust brought out a poster with the slogan 'A Good Book is a Good Friend' in Hindi and English and distributed it to all the important educational and other cultural institutions in the country for display during the Week. The Directors

of Public instruction and the Vice-Chancellors of Universities were requested to celebrate the Week by involving the educational institutions under their respective jurisdiction and arranging special programmes like debates, discussions and symposia on various aspects of writing, translating, printing, publishing and distribution of books. The Federation of publishers and Booksellers Associations in India allowed a special discount of 10% on books purchased during the Week. All stations of All India Radio and the Television Centre in Delhi broadcast special programmes aimed at fostering book-mindedness. The Posts and Telegraphs Department cancelled postal articles from the principal cities with the slogan of the Week

(c) The National Book Trust bring out books in well conceived series at reasonable prices, in order to attract attention of potential readers. They also organise periodical book fairs in different parts of the country and the main purpose of such fairs is to popularise books and thus promote reading habits among people.

One of the themes in the International Book Year is the fostering of reading habits. A National Committee has been set up to consider all the themes, including the fostering of reading habits and its recommendations are awaited.

केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जन-जातियों तथा बायाबर जातियों के कल्याण के लिये उत्तर प्रदेश को अनुदान दिया जाना

2930. श्री राम चूरत प्रसाद : क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1969 से 1971 तक प्रत्येक वित्तीय वर्ष में अनुसूचित जातियों, अनुसूचित