

(ख) यदि हां तो कब तक ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं , तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री ( श्री टी० ए० पाई ) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) यह प्रस्ताव वित्तीय दृष्टि से औचित्यपूर्ण नहीं है । इसके अतिरिक्त यहां माल और और सवारी दोनों तरह के यातायात की दुलाई के लिए पर्याप्त सड़क परिवहन क्षमता मौजूद है ।

#### Construction of Railway over-bridges in Kerala

1370. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway over-bridges near the Railways Stations at Tellicherry and Temple Gate in Kerala are under construction; and

(b) if not, when the construction is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) and (b). The proposals for construction of road over-bridges in place of level crossings near Tellicherry and Jagannath Temple Gate Stations have been included in Railway's Works Programme, 1972-73.

Plans and estimates for the works are yet to be finalised in consultation with the State Government. The bridge portion is to be constructed by the Railway whereas the approaches are to be constructed by the State Government. The works will be sanctioned and executed as soon as the State Government are ready to take up their portion of the work so that the bridge portions and the approaches are completed more or less simultaneously.

#### West Bengal Government's request for more Wagons

1371. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal Chief Minister had written a letter to the Union Railway Minister asking him to make arrangements for the supply of more wagons to West Bengal; and

(b) whether his Ministry had said that they could not supply the required number of wagons due to the law and order situation there ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) The letter from Chief Minister of West Bengal did not contain any general request for allotment of more wagons but was with specific reference to the requirements of wagons for construction materials required by C. M. D. A. and for other projects.

(b) In the reply while assuring necessary assistance in rail transport, mention was made of dislocation to railway operations in the West Bengal area due to anti-social activities and co-operation of the State Government was solicited in controlling the same.

#### Setting up of National Handicrafts Marketing Corporation

1372. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Handicrafts Marketing Corporation with a view to co-ordinate the activities of the State Handicraft Marketing Corporation; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Loss of Revenue due to movement of Goods by Motor Transport

1373. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways are losing revenue as traders prefer motor transport for the movement of their goods in the country;

(b) whether the traders prefer motor transport due to increasing pilferage of their goods and other sorts of corrupt practices in the Railways;

(c) if so, to what extent the Railways' business in this regard has been diverted to the motor transport; and