

The new harbour is now to start functioning by the end of 1973 and will be completed by the middle of 1974. The progress of work is satisfactory except for a shortfall in the dredging schedule due to delay in delivery of a dredger ordered on an indigenous firm. Proposals are under consideration to complete the dredging operation as expeditiously as possible. It is premature to indicate the extra expenditure that might be involved.

Report of Committee to Review the working of National Akademis and Indian Council of Cultural Relations

2923. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee set up to review the working of the three National Akademis and the Indian Council of Cultural Relations has submitted its report, as was anticipated in April, 1972; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the recommendations made by the Committee ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b). The Committee submitted its report on 31.7.72 and this is under consideration of Government. A copy of the Report will be placed on the table of the Lok Sabha as soon as it is received from the press.

वरभंगा से फारबिसगंज तक सड़क का निर्माण

2924. श्री एच. एल. पुरती : क्या नीबहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिमी कोसी नहर और दरभंगा से फारबिसगंज तक पार्श्ववर्ती सड़क के निर्माण की केन्द्रीय सरकार ने अपनी स्वीकृति दे दी है।

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार और राज्य सरकार इस पर क्रमशः कितना व्यय करेंगी, और

(ग) क्या अन्य सड़कों की मरम्मत के लिए भी केन्द्रीय सरकार ने कुछ राशि मंजूर की है ?

संसदीय कार्य विभाग तथा नीबहन और परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्रीम मेहता) : (क) और (ख). पार्श्ववर्ती सड़क परियोजना पर दरभंगा और फारबिसगंज के बीच योजना सड़क के निर्माण का प्रस्ताव अभी भी भारत सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

(ग) संभवतया माननीय सदस्य पार्श्ववर्ती सड़क के प्रस्ताव अन्य सड़कों अर्थात् राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के मरम्मत का उल्लेख कर रहे हैं। केन्द्रीय सरकार राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पद्धति में शामिल सड़कों की मरम्मत के लिए प्रतिवर्ष धन की व्यवस्था करती है।

Loss in yield of crop in Bihar due to non-availability of improved variety of seeds

2925. SHRI M. S. PURTY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received complaints about the substantial loss of crop yield in Bihar State on account of non-availability of improved varieties of seeds in time ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to supply improved varieties of seeds in time in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The Government of India have not received any specific complaint, but the information is being collected from the Government of Bihar and will be laid on the table of the Sabha soon.