

Spending of Revenue for the Roads on Road Development

4726. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of Rs. 1407 crores total export shipments, road transport alone accounted for Rs. 864 crores;

(b) whether the percentage ratio of expenditure to revenue on road development had declined from 65.8 percent in 1960-61 to 35.5 per cent in 1968-69;

(c) whether the break-down of road revenue and expenditure rate between the Centre and States showed that while the States spend the whole or almost whole revenue from the roads on road development the centre spent only 24 per cent of its revenue from roads on roads development; and

(d) if reply to (a) and (b) is in the affirmative, what is the programme of the Central Government in the Fifth Five Year Plan regarding spending on roads *vis-a-vis* revenue derived from roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) to (d). Part (a) of the question indicates the conclusion of the "Survey of the domestic Transport of India's Export Cargo" conducted by the operations Research Group, Baroda. That study was based on a sample survey of export consignments during April-June 1969 on the basis of daily list of trade returns compiled by Customs authorities.

The expenditure and revenue figures given in part (b) of the question are also based on that study Report. These figures are, however, not correct inasmuch as the expenditure given does not take into account several major items of roads such as the Lateral Road, Special Roads, etc. Actually, the total expenditure on roads in 1968-69 was about 47 per cent of the total revenue from road transport instead of 35.5 per cent.

The Central expenditure in 1968-69 on roads accounted for about 27 per cent of the total revenue to the Central Government from road transport. The corresponding figure for the States was 86.90 per cent Fifth Five Year Plan is as yet in a preparatory stage and it is not possible now to give any indication about Central Government's programme of expenditure on road development under that Plan.

Seminar on Higher Education Organised by Indian Institute of Advanced Studies

4727. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH:
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a five-day Seminar on Higher Education, Social change and National Development was organised by the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies in New Delhi;

(b) whether the said Seminar has made some suggestions to the Government;

(c) whether there was a consensus among the participants regarding the need for selective admissions to the Colleges; and

(d) if so, Government, reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) A Seminar on Higher Education, Social Change and National Development was organised by the Indian Institute of Advanced Study in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research at New Delhi from November 18-23, 1972.

(b) to (d). The Government have not received the proceedings of the Seminar which have yet to be finalised by the Institute.