

190 meters long at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.00 lakhs. As a result of joint site inspection by the Officers of the Government of India and the State Government, certain further surveys are being carried out by the State Government. The proposal would be examined further on receipt of the results of these surveys.

Scheme sent by Maharashtra Government for Major Ghats of Katraj and Khambataki

4449. SHRI ANNASAHEB GOT-KHINDE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent proposals for the works of two major ghats of Katraj and Khambataki;

(b) the estimated expenditure thereof;

(c) whether the works are held up pending the approval by the Centre; and

(d) the time by which the proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Proposals for the improvement of national highway going over Katraj and Khambataki Ghats have been received from the Government of Maharashtra which would roughly cost Rs. 169.18 lakhs.

(c) and (d). The position in respect of each of these proposals is given below:

(i) *Katraj Ghat*: The improvements proposed by the State Government were inspected at site by an officer of the Government of India and certain modifications were suggested. The modified proposals were received from the State Government recently and the same are now under examination.

(ii) *Khambataki Ghat*: As a consequence of joint site inspection conducted by an officer of the Government of India and the State Chief Engineer, certain further surveys along the road are being carried out by State Government Officers to examine the feasibility of the proposed improvements. The proposals would be examined further on receipt of the results of these surveys.

Failure of Kharif Crop in Allahabad, U.P.

4450. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the situation arising out of the failure of Kharif Crop in Allahabad District, U.P.;

(b) if so, the extent of loss thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to help the people there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kharif crops have suffered to some extent due to delayed rainfall but it is early to assess the losses if any because these crops are expected to recover with good rains received later.

(c) Following steps have been proposed by the State Government for helping the people.

(i) Distribution of inputs by advancing short term loans.

(ii) Programme to save standing Kharif crops by ensuring irrigation.

(iii) Plant Protection measures.

(iv) Programme for substitute cropping by arranging seed supply of the alternative crops.