

out a version in Roman script. The Director of the International Akademi of Culture is himself preparing to bring out an edition of the manuscript in the Devanagri script.

**Impact of cut in expenditure on National Highways in Kerala**

2210. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether recent cut in expenditure has adversely affected the only National Highway in Kerala;

(b) whether the Kerala Government has represented against the cut; and

(c) if so, the Government's reaction thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). The Budget Estimates for 1974-75 as approved by Parliament, included a provision of Rs. 45.50 crores for National Highway (Original) Works for the country as a whole. Out of this a sum of Rs. 240 lakhs has been earmarked for National Highway works in Kerala. There has been so far no cut in the amount of either Rs. 45.50 crores or Rs. 240 crores. While the Govt. of Kerala have been representing about the inadequacy of this allocation of Rs. 240 lakhs and pressing for an additional allocation of Rs. 146 lakhs, they have not pointed out any adverse repercussions on National Highways in the State which will follow if additional allocations are not made available to them. The State Govt's request has been considered carefully but it has not been possible to provide any additional funds in view of the current financial stringency.

**Shortening and strengthening the West Coast Road**

2211. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has represented to Central Government for shortening and strengthening the West Coast Road by bridging Chandragiri river in Cannanore District; and

(b) the Government's reaction thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Certain technical and cost details have been asked for from the State Government for proper appreciation and examination of their proposal and the matter would be considered on receipt thereof.

**Deviation in National Highway No. 47 from Alwaye to Calicut**

2212. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for a deviation in National Highway No. 47 from Alwaye to Calicut with a view to strengthen and shorten the road; and

(b) whether his Ministry has accepted the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Presumably the Hon'ble member is referring to the West Coast Road, N. H. No. 17 and not the Coimbatore—Trichur — Ernakulam—Trivandrum—Cape Comorin Road, N. H. No. 47