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Road Transport with Nagaland

1491. Shri P. C. Borosah: "Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme for developing the road transport in and inter-State road transport with Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the estimated cost of the scheme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A scheme for the setting up of a state road transport undertaking in Nagaland is being prepared by the Nagaland Administration, in consultation with the Manipur State Transport. As the scheme has yet to be finalised, its details and the cost involved are not known.

Highway in Bihar

1492. Shri H. C. Soy: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress of construction of the highway passing through Singhbhum in Bihar is very slow; and

(b) if so, the reasons, for the same.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The National Highways No. 6 and 33 passing through the district of Singhbhum form part of the construction programme for which Internation-Development Association al (an affiliate of the World Bank) have advanced a credit. The work on these National Highways had to be stopped last year as the specifications were upgraded to suit the requirements of a 2-lane modern traffic road. The entire work is likely to be completed by September, 1964.

Major and Medium Irrigation Projects

1493. Shri Rajagopala Rao: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the major and medium irrigation projects sanctioned State-wise during the First and Second Five Year Plan periods, the execution of which has not yet commenced; and

(b) whether all these projects have been carried over to Third Plan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) A statement showing the sanctioned major and medium irrigation projects Statewise, the execution of which had not commenced till the end of 1961, is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 71].

(b) Except those schemes, which were dropped by the State Governments, as indicated in the statement, all others have been carried over to the Third Plan.

Vamsadhara Project

1494. Shri Rajagopala Rao: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of Vamsadhara Project;

(b) the number of stages of execution contemplated and the estimated duration thereof;

(c) estimated total cost;

(d) the expenditure incurred uptill now;

(e) whether Government are aware that according to original schemes, power could also be generated; and

(f) if so, whether Government contemplate Vamsadhara as an integrated hydro-electric-cum-irrigation project in view of power shortage in Andhra?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation & Power (Shri

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Alagesan): (a) The project report is under examination.

(b) The project will be executed in a single stage and is likely to be completed in the Fourth Plan.

(c) The present estimated cost of the project is about Rs. 13.60 crores.

(d) The project has not yet been approved for execution.

(e) The original scheme did not envisage generation of power.

(f) Does not arise.

Bombay-Goa' Road

1495. Shri Nath Pai: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

 (a) when the Bombay-Goa road will be completed;

(b) how much of it has been completed; and

(c) whether the work of construction has been going on according to schedule?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 72].

Foreign Exchange for Irrigation Projects

1496. Shri Jedhe: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that completion of some major and medium Irrigation Projects is delayed due to want of foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation & Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Foreign exchange continues to be one of the bottlenecks in the matter of speedy execution of irrigation projects. Every effort is, however, being made to find foreign exchange for the completion of major and medium irrigation projects according to schedule.

Irrigation and Power Projects

1497. Shri Jedhe: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how many Irrigation and Power Projects which were under construction suffered heavy and small losses during the last five years; and

(b) whether a statement showing the details of the losses (monetary and life) State-wise with the causes therefor will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation & Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sugar Factories in Third Plan

1498. Shri Jedhe: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more licences will be issued to co-operative societies to start sugar factories in Third Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Food & Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). In view of surplus production of sugar in the country fresh licences, even to co-operatives, are not being issued for the time-belong.

वातानकलित डिब्बों के यात्री

१४९. श्री राम सेवक यादव : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली से बम्बई, दिल्ली से मद्रास और दिल्ली से हावड़ा जाने वाली एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों में लग वातानुकूलित डिब्बों में सफर करने वाले यात्रियों का प्रतिशत इन गाड़ियों ने बैठने की जगह के हिसाब से क्या है ?