

(c) when the work was undertaken; and

(d) the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) The bridge is likely to be completed by March 1963.

(c) In early 1955.

(d) The work on this bridge could not proceed according to schedule, as in the course of construction, it was found that the rock was not available at a reasonable depth and the bearing capacity of the clay met with was too poor to support the originally proposed spans of 82 feet. The design of the bridge had, therefore, to be modified substantially. This led to the suspension of the work between July 1957 to May 1959. The work is now in progress.

Bridges on National Highways in Kerala

2175. Shri M. K. Kumaran: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges under construction on National Highways in Kerala;

(b) causes of delay in completing construction; and

(c) steps taken to expedite the work?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):
(a) Five. (1) Thottappally Bridge. (2) Danapady Bridge. (3) Karipuzha Bridge. (4) Kannetttil Bridge. (5) Manali Bridge.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Co-operation as a Course of Study

2176. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools, colleges and universities where the introduction of Co-operation as a subject of study has been accepted by his Ministry;

(b) the universities which have already introduced "Co-operation" as a separate optional subject in their commerce degree courses;

(c) the universities which took part in the national debating contest on the subject of co-operation which was held in February 1962 at Delhi; and

(d) the university which stood first in the said debating contest?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation (Shri S. D. Misra): (a) The Ministry have decided in consultation with the Ministry of Education that the subject of Co-operation should be introduced in the curriculum of schools, colleges and universities in the following manner:—

(i) Teaching of Co-operation through simple stories in Standards I to V.

(ii) A more detailed treatment of the subject in the subject of social studies for children of age group 11 to 14 (standards VI to VIII).

(iii) Inclusion of the elementary knowledge of cooperation in the core subject of social studies, at the higher secondary stage.

(iv) Introduction of Cooperation as an optional subject for B. Com., B. Com., (Hon), B.A., and B.A. (Hon) Degree course in Cooperation and Allied subjects.

(v) Provision for an intensive study of the subject of Co-

operation at the Post-Graduate Level where Cooperation may be one of the branches of study like Economics, Social Sciences etc.

- (vi) Organisation of visits to neighbouring cooperatives, essay and debating competitions on Cooperation, setting up of cooperative stores and other extra curricular activities relating to Cooperation.

Accordingly, the State Governments and Universities have been requested to introduce the study of Cooperation at various levels and courses in school and colleges. A number of States and Universities have favourably reacted to this proposal.

(b) The following Universities have Cooperation as a separate subject in their Commerce Degree Course:—

1. Bombay
2. Gujarat
3. Anand
4. Baroda
5. Andhra
6. Annamalai
7. Allahabad
8. Kerala
9. Gorakhpur
10. Madras
11. Vikram
12. Banaras
13. Lucknow
14. Aligarh Muslim University
15. Patna
16. Utkal
17. Usmania
18. Marathwada
19. Agra

(c) The following Universities participated in the National Debating Contest on Cooperation held in February 1962:—

1. Agra University
2. Indian Agricultural Research Institute New Delhi.

3. Venkateswara University
4. Patna University
5. U.P. Agricultural University
6. Aligarh Muslim University
7. M.S. University, Baroda
8. Jadavpur University
9. Andhra University
10. Utkal University
11. Delhi University
12. National Institute of Rural Higher Education.

(d) A student from the Jadavpur University stood first in the national debating contest.

Drinking Water Supply in Madras State

2177. Shri Rajaram: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the amount set apart for distribution of drinking water in Madras State during the Third Five Year Plan period;

(b) the demand that was made by Madras Government; and

(c) the number of schemes included and the number of villages benefiting?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) An amount of Rs. 9.50 crores for urban and Rs. 1.50 crores for rural water supply and sanitation schemes has been provided in the Third Five Year Plan of Madras under the Health sector. Besides, provision for rural water supply has been made under Local Development Works Programme, Community Development Programme and Programme for Welfare of Backward Classes also.

(b) The State Government had proposed a provision of Rs. 20.75 crores for urban and Rs. 6.50 crores for rural water supply and sanitation schemes.

(c) drainage schemes started during the II Plan, will be completed. In addition, 47 new water supply and 11 drainage schemes will be taken up.