

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a). No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Target of Shipping

482. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to increase the target of shipping; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The target set for shipping in the Third Five Year Plan was a gross addition of 375,000 G.R.T. including replacement of obsolete tonnage to the extent of about 194,000 G.R.T. Out of the monetary provision of Rs. 55 crores made in the Plan, Rs. 51 crores are earmarked specifically for expansion of tonnage. The acquisitions' commitments made in the first year of the Plan period itself work out to about 375,000 G.R.T. This has been achieved on a monetary expenditure commitment of only about Rs. 37 crores. With the balance of Rs. 14 crores, it has been estimated that further additions to the extent of 175,000 G.R.T. can be made. This question has been considered and it has now been decided that the physical target for shipping should be raised from 375,000 G.R.T. to 550,000 G.R.T. including replacement of tonnage to the extent of about 200,000 G.R.T.

Postal Headquarters for Gram Panchayat

483. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to provide a Post Office in every head-quarter of the Gram Panchayat in Orissa;

(b) whether all the sub-divisional, Taluk and Police Station headquarters have been provided with public telephone and telegraph facilities;

(c) the total number of such places provided with postal and telegraph facilities; and

(c) the total number of such places provided with postal and telegraph facilities and in how many years the department proposes to fulfil the target?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a). No.

(b) Only in the case of Sub-Divisional headquarters.

(c). A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 55].

Bridge on National Highway 47

484. **Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the bridge across Karipuzha Canal in Kerala on National Highway No. 47;

(b) whether the work has already been taken up; and

(c) if so, when it will be completed?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Rs. 2,21,000.

(b) Tender for the work has been accepted recently.

(c) The work is expected to be completed in about two years.

Fish Industry

485. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the fish industry in Lac-