

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) दिसम्बर, १९६२ के मन्त तक १०४१ टेलीफोन लगाये गये ।

(ख) १९६२-६३ के राजस्व सम्बन्धी आकड़े वित्तीय वर्ष के समाप्त होने पर ही उपलब्ध हो सकेंगे । टेलीफानों पर होने वाले व्यय का राज्यों के क्रमानुसार व्यौरा नहीं रखा जाता ।

Ore-Carrying Road in Mysore

957. **Shri S. B. Patil:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have agreed to finance the ore-carrying Banasandra-Hassan-Mangalore road in Mysore State; and

(b) if so, what is the total estimated cost of this road, according to revised specification?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) and (b). Yes Sir, a grant of Rs. 44.76 lakhs was made in February 1959 for developing the Banasandra-Hassan-Mangalore road to single lane standard. The Mysore Government now want the Central aid to be increased to 50 per cent of the cost of widening the road to two lane carriageway and strengthening the crust which are estimated to involve a total amount of Rs. 4.29 crores. This request is being examined in consultation with the Planning Commission.

National Highways

958. **Shri S. B. Patil:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Mysore have approached the Central Government to include Bangalore-Mysore-Mercara-Mangalore road and Bangalore-Mysore-Ootacamund road as National Highways;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Mysore has the lowest mileage of Na-

tional Highways as compared to the adjoining States; and

(d) if so, what action the Central Government proposed to take in order to remove this disparity?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No proposal for the declaration of the Bangalore-Mysore-Ootacamund road as a National Highway has been received from the Mysore Government. The State Government, however, suggested some time back the inclusion of the Bangalore-Mysore-Mercara-Mangalore road in the National Highway System. It has not been possible to accept this proposal as no funds are available for the expansion of the existing National Highway System under the Third Five-Year Plan.

(c) and (d). The total length of National Highway routes within the Mysore State is 816 miles which includes 280 miles for National Highway No. 13 added to the National Highway System in May 1960. In terms of area, the National Highway length in the Mysore State works out to 1.1 per 100 sq. miles of area as compared to 1.3 in Andhra Pradesh, 2.1 in Madras State, 1.7 in Kerala and 1.3 in Maharashtra. The National Highway routes are determined not on any State-wise or regional basis but from the standpoint of the country as a whole so as to serve predominantly national as distinct from local interests.

Accumulation of Cargo at Neamati, Assam

959. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that empty wagons are not provided for river to rail traffic, resulting in large accumulation of Cargo awaiting Rail at Neamati in Assam on the N.E. Railway;

(b) if so, the accumulation of cargo at the beginning of February and of March, 1963; and