

(d) if so, the action being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) There is no temple or mosque among the 11 ancient monuments or sites in Baroda District which have been declared as of national importance.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

BORDER ROADS

3980. **SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of vital roads on the Gujarat borders has been entrusted to the State P.W.D. resulting in slow progress and slackness in the construction of roads;

(b) if so, the reasons for entrusting this work to the State P.W.D.; and

(c) whether Government propose to entrust the construction of these roads to the Ministry of Defence ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) Yes Sir. The work of the construction of strategic roads in the Gujarat State has been entrusted to the State P.W.D., but this has not resulted in slow progress and slackness in its construction.

(b) The works have been entrusted to the State P.W.D. according to the normal practice.

(c) There is no such proposal.

NARMADA BRIDGE

3981. **SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any plan has been finalised to construct a new road bridge over the river Narmada near Broach; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to expedite the same ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A proposal to construct a road bridge across the Narmada river near Zadeswar about 3-1/2 miles upstream of the existing road bridge near

Broach is under consideration. An estimate, amounting to Rs. 362.3 lakhs for the bridge, recast on the basis of the present-day prices, has been received recently from the Gujarat Government and is under examination.

राजस्थान में नये हवाई अड्डे

3982. श्री मीठा लाल मीना : क्या पर्यटन तथा असेनिक अड्डयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आगामी पंच-वर्षीय योजना में राजस्थान में कुछ नये हवाई अड्डे बनाये जाने का विचार है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन हवाई अड्डों को कहां-कहां पर बनाये जाने का विचार है;

(ग) क्या सवाई माधोपुर भी इन स्थानों में से एक है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पर्यटन तथा असेनिक अड्डयन मंत्री (डा० कर्न सिंह) : (क) से (ग). राजस्थान में तीन हवाई अड्डे, अर्थात् जयपुर, कोटा तथा उदयपुर, नागर विमानन विभाग के नियन्त्रण में हैं। चौथी योजना के दौरान राजस्थान में कोई नया हवाई अड्डा बनाने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(घ) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स कारपोरेशन की निकट भविष्य में सवाई माधोपुर से होकर सेवा परिचालन की कोई योजना नहीं है ? नागर विमानन की सवाई माधोपुर में हवाई अड्डा बनाने की कोई मांग भी नहीं है।

MEMORANDUM ON MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

3983. **SHRI KIRUTINAN :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum on the study of languages at the school stage from the Education Department of the Thamizhaga Arasu (Government of Madras); and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No new decision has been taken by the Central Government on the teaching of languages at the school stage.

BYE-PASS ROAD TO MADURAI-DHANUSHKODI HIGHWAY

3984. SHRI KIRUTINAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that lands have been acquired near Manamadurai and Parthibanoor in Ramnad District (Madras State) to construct bye-pass Roads to the Madurai-Dhansukodi National Highway;

(b) whether the acquisition proceedings are over; and

(c) if so, when the work will be executed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) :

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The work will be taken up, when requisite funds become available.

BRIDGE AT PAMBAN, MADRAS STATE

3985. SHRI KIRUTINAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to construct a road-cum-rail bridge at Pamban in Madras State;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any direction to the State Government on this matter; and

(c) if so, the stage of the proposal and the estimated cost of the scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

JUDGES IN ORISSA HIGH COURT

3986. SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of judges now working in the Orissa High Court is considered inadequate by the said High Court; and

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of judges in view of the increasing number of cases and the pendency of large number of election cases in addition to the cases already pending ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to increase the strength of Judges in the Orissa High Court by one more permanent Judge is presently under consideration.

KANDLA PORT

3987. SHRI D. R. PARMAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in the constructional work of Kandla Port right from its foundation to its completion, the labourers engaged were mostly displaced Harijans from West Pakistan;

(b) whether it is a fact that after completion of the port works these labourers are not being given some other labour work in the Port and thereby they are now jobless; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to get them employed in Port labour works ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) to (c). The Major Harbour Works at Kandla were done through contractors. The labour employed by these contractors included Harijans from West Pakistan. After completion of the works in 1961, the contractors disbanded their labour force, including Harijan labour, by stages. The Kandla Port Trust are not undertaking any major construction work departmentally at present. However, about 1,900 Harijan labourers employed by various agencies including the Kandla Port Trust are currently engaged in a variety of port operations within the Dock area. No additional labour is required for regular port operations for the present.

GEOGRAPHY IN DELHI SCHOOLS

3988. SHRI ESWARA REDDY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Higher Secondary Schools in Delhi under the Delhi Administration Geography is not allowed to be taken as a subject for study; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?