

(c) the reasons to reduce the anticipated grants suddenly thereby making it inadequate even to discharge the commitments already made; and

(d) the steps taken to meet the same ?

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

(a) The amounts sanctioned and spent during the three Plan periods are indicated below :

	Rs. in lakhs	
	Sanctioned	Spent
(1) First Five-Year Plan	190.59	77.64
(2) Second Five-Year Plan	280.77	357.10
(3) Third Five-Year Plan	169.70	389.69

The amount of expenditure depends upon the tempo of the work from year to year and the availability of funds.

(b) No allotment of funds is contemplated or given to any State to make up the back-log of the Third Five-Year Plan. In the case of Andhra Pradesh, there is actually no back-log, as the total expenditure upto the end of the Third Plan is much in excess of the total of the provisions in all the three plans.

(c) and (d). The allotments made to State Governments had to be reduced, because of the prevailing financial stringency and the intention was that the progress of works should be adjusted to match the funds available.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY No. 7

2326. SHRI G. S. REDDI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the cross-drainage works sanctioned and completed in connecting the link between the State Capital and Rayalseema District on National Highway No. 7;

(b) the works relating to major bridges, widening formation and Black Topping and also approaches to Rangapur and Tunga Bhadra bridge;

(c) the amount still outstanding to be paid for these works;

(d) whether any other works like bridges and Black Topping sanctioned remain to be completed; and

(e) if so, the amounts needed for the same and the action taken by Government in the matter ?

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

(a) Out of 65 cross drainage works, including major bridges, sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 125.28 lakhs, 32 works, costing Rs. 56.64 lakhs, have been completed.

(b) Out of 19 major bridges, sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 100.05 lakhs 6 major bridges, costing Rs. 45.17 lakhs have been completed. An amount of Rs. 30.55 lakhs has been sanctioned for the widening of formation and black-topping of this National Highway. The approaches to Rangapur and Tunga Bhadra Bridges have also been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 21.89 lakhs and Rs. 14.09 lakhs, respectively.

(c) to (e). Information is awaited from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

BRIDGES ACROSS GODAVERI

2327. SHRI G. S. REDDI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) when the two bridges one at Alamura and another at Siddantam across Godaveri were constructed and opened for traffic and at what cost;

(b) the amount spent for improving the approach roads leading to these two bridges;

(c) the works which remain unfinished on this route and the amounts required for the same as per the request made to the Central Government; and

(d) the amount likely to be released ?

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

(a) The two bridges, one at Alamura and another at Sidhantam, across the