

estimates for the improvement of the road, including blacktopping, from mile 49 to mile 118, have been received from the State Government, and are under examination.

(b) and (c). No Sir. The estimate for the construction of the bridge has been sanctioned and, after a decision is reached by the State Government on the tenders received for the bridge, work on it will be started.

"Son-Ét-Lumière" Show in South India

6547. SHRI NARAYANAN:
SHRI SUBRAVELU:
SHRI DHANDAPANI:
SHRI MAYAVAN:
SHRI DEIVEEKAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to arrange for "Son-Ét-Lumière" show in the South India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) A proposal to mount a son-Ét-lumière show in the Meenakshi Temple, Madurai, in collaboration with the Govt. of Madras and the Meenakshi temple authorities is under examination. The cost of the production is estimated at Rs. 20 lakhs, of which Rs. 4 lakhs will be in foreign exchange for importing the son-Ét-lumière equipment, payment of fees to technicians, etc.

Advanced Technical Institutions with Foreign Assistance

6548. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the Governments of West Germany and Japan for setting up advanced technical institutes in India;

(b) if so, the result thereof;

(c) the special reasons for favouring collaboration with the Soviet Union in setting up advanced technical institutes in India; and

(d) the terms and conditions for Indo-Soviet collaboration for higher technological institutes in India?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) and (b) No proposal has been made to the Federal Republic of Germany for assistance in the establishment of any new technical institute.

The question of asking Japanese assistance for certain special technical education projects is still under consideration.

(c) There are no special reasons for favouring Soviet assistance for technical education projects. The policy of the Central Government is to utilise assistance from developed countries wherever it is available and needed for our projects.

(d) Under the agreement signed in December, 1966, the Soviet Government will extend a long-term credit to finance the project of establishing advanced centres in aeronautics, geophysics, materials science and instrumentation and automation. The credit is to be repaid by India in 12 annual instalments with interest of 2.5 per cent in Indian rupees.

Bombs Explosion Incidents in Bengal

6549. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bomb throwing incidents that took place in West Bengal during the period from the 31st March, 1967 to 31st March, 1968;

(b) the figures of casualties of such violent activities;

(c) whether Government undertook any investigation to examine the nature and source of production of such bombs;