

Work however is in progress on the development of 761 miles long West Coast Road from Panvel on National Highway No. 4 in Maharashtra to Chalisseri on National Highway No. 47A in Kerala passing through Maharashtra, Goa, Mysore and Kerala States. It is a continuing Centrally aided project already in progress and the Central liability is limited to its development as an all-weather, single-lane, black-topped road.

In addition, the Government of India have approved the following works on the East Coast Road in the Madras State :

Name of work	Source of funds
(1) Construction of the missing link between Mahabalipuram and Markanam (25 miles).	A Central grant-in-aid of Rs. 16 lakhs was approved in 1966 to meet 50% of the cost of this work the balance being met by the State Government from their own resources.
(2) Construction of a bridge across the creek near Kovalam.	This work was approved in January 1967 for being financed from State Government's Central Road Fund Allocations Account at an estimated cost of Rs. 25.00 lakhs.

Subject to the availability of resources, all these works are expected to be completed during the Fourth Plan.

(b) and (c). The Government of Gujarat have been pressing for Central financial assistance for the development of a Coastal Highway connecting Baroda to Maliya along the Baroda-Cambay-Bhavnagar-Veraval-Porbandar-Okha-Maliya route. The total length of this road is 588 miles. A decision on the State Government's request can be taken only after the Fourth Plan has been finalised. Meanwhile, the Government of India have approved in May 1968 the proposal of the State Government for the construction of a section of the Baroda-Bhavnagar road, 22 miles long, between Bavaliari and Bhavnagar and of the debt of the expendi-

ture estimated at Rs. 47.23 lakhs to the allocations made to the State Government from the Central Road Fund.

**Research Institutes in Textile Field**

3178. SHRI MANUBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) how many Research Institutes are working in the Textile field in India ;

(b) what is the nature of assistance given to these institutions ; and

(c) whether the Textile and Allied Industries Research Organisation of Baroda is given any assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) There are six Industrial Research Associations and one Research Institute doing research in textile and allied fields. The statement giving the names is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-353/69.*]

(b) Financial assistance to the extent of 50% of expenditure is being provided to six Industrial Research Associations, while the Research Institute has been given grants for specific schemes by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (C. S. I. R.).

(c) C. S. I. R. has given the following grant to the Textile and Allied Industries Research Organisation, Baroda :

Name of Scheme	Period of operation	Grant paid
1. TAIRO Auto-matic Silver Evener.	from 1-7-64 to 28-2-66.	Rs. 21,060.00
2. TAIRO Cotton Trash Analyser.	From February, 1966 to 31-7-1968.	Rs. 57,840.00

**Remodelling of Palam Airport**

3179. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the course of remodelling the Palam Airport, the Indian Airlines Corporation is executing some works in the terminal building at Palam ; and