

Irregularities Committed by M/s. Poddar International Transport Owners in Payment of Income Tax

5187. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Poddar International Transport Owners have been running their transport business in different names ;

(b) if so, the names of these transport companies which are owned by Poddais together with their capital ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this firm has committed irregularities for avoiding payment of income-tax and are running their companies in different names ; and

(d) whether Government have since taken any action against this firm, and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Poddar group is connected with transport business run in the following names :

S. No.	Name of the concern	Capital employed
		Rs.
1.	M/s. Tungabhadra Enterprises	1,24,269
2.	M/s. Mysore Transport and Machinery Company	1,77,418
3.	M/s. Jaibharath Enterprises	3,80,256
4.	M/s. Peninsular Syndicate	70,686

The capital employed in each business is also given above.

(c) and (d). The Government is not aware of any irregularities committed by the above concerns. The question of taking any action, therefore, does not arise.

Completion of Defence Roads

5188. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have completed

NEFA Border Road, Gorakhpur-Assam Road, Assam-Pakistan Border Road, West Bengal East Pakistan Border Road, Kutch area Border Road, Rajasthan-Bahawalpur and Sindh Road and India-Nepal Border Road ; and

(b) if so, the length of each road ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). It is not possible to precisely identify the roads for which information is sought except Gorakhpur-Assam Road, by which the Members presumably refers to the Lateral Road from Bareilly in U.P. to Amingaon in Assam. The length of the road from Gorakhpur to Amingaon is 748 miles.

भारत के प्रथम राष्ट्रपति डा० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद की स्मृति में स्मारक बनाना

5189. श्री श्रीम प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार भारत के प्रथम राष्ट्रपति स्वर्गीय डा० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद की स्मृति में एक स्मारक का निर्माण करने का है जैसा कि स्वर्गीय राष्ट्रपति डा० जाकिर हुसैन के मामले में किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो वह स्मारक किस प्रकार का होगा और सरकार का विचार उस पर कितना व्यय करने का है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मंत्री (डा० बी० के० द्वार० वी० राव) : (क) से (ग). स्वर्गीय डा० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद का स्मारक बनाने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव/सुझाव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। डा० जाकिर हुसैन राष्ट्र के प्रथम भारतीय प्रधान थे जिनका देहान्त कार्यकाल के दौरान हुआ था अतः जाकिर हुसैन स्मारक समिति नाम से ज्ञात एक राष्ट्रीय समिति की सिफारिशों पर उनकी कब्र के स्थल पर एक उपयुक्त स्मारक बनाने का निर्णय किया गया था।