

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) There is a proposal to construct Tellicherry-Mahe, Bypass including new bridge across the same river in 2 phases. Acquisition of land for Phase-I is complete. Annual Plan 1998-99 provides for acquisition of land for Phase-II. The Construction of the project depends upon the completion of the acquisition of land therefor.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The bridge has been already rehabilitated and traffic allowed.

Widening of NH-53

4755. SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work pertaining to widening of National Highway No. 53 is in progress;

(b) if so, the time by which the said project is likely to be completed; and

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilised as on date since the inception of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir, the work is being taken up in phases.

(b) and (c): The total estimated cost of the project is about Rs. 185.00 crore. The funds allotted during 1998-99 are Rs. 20.20 crore. Expenditure incurred upto March 1998 is Rs. 14.12 crore. The completion of the project would depend upon the availability of funds.

Board of Management of IGNOU

4756. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons nominated by the Government on the Board of management of the IGNOU;

(b) whether some of these numbers do not attend any meetings of the Board;

(c) if so, the details in this regard for the last five years;

(d) whether senior officers of the Government have also been nominated on the Board;

(e) if so, the details of their participation in the last five years, year-wise; and

(f) the reaction of the Government to such non-participation by its nominees in the management of the University?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (f): As per the Statutes of Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985, all nominations of the Board of Management of University are done by the President of India in his capacity as the Visitor of the University. These nominations include Secretary, Department of Education and the Secretary, Information & Broadcasting as the representatives of the Government of India. The yearwise details of participation by the Members in the Board meeting is enclosed as statement. The meetings of the Board of Management are generally fixed by the Vice-Chancellor as the Chairman of the Board and on such dates Secretary (Education) and Secretary (I&B) might have other important official work.

Statement

Details of Member's Attendance in the Meetings of the Board of Management

Sl. No.		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Prof. Mihir Bhattacharya	1	4	5	5	—	—
2.	Prof. Prabhat Patnaik	1	3	4	3	—	—