

factors leading to discontinuation of collaboration was taken into consideration while entering into a fresh collaboration?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Centre was started in 1963 with Swiss Collaboration. Therefore it was named at that time as 'Indo-Swiss Training Centre'.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The present collaboration for running the course of Die and Mould Making has been entered into because of the urgent requirement of such trained personnel in the country

Construction of fly-over at the Delhi Cantt. Nangal Raya Rly. Crossing

6729 SHRI NATWARLAL PARMAR:

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR DHARA.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to U.S.Q No 4951 dated 27-7-77, regarding fly-over for Nangal Raya Delhi Cantt. Railway crossing and state:

(a) the progress that has since been made with regard to the construction of fly-over at the Delhi Cantt. Nangal Raya Railway crossing;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Cantt. authorities have created certain hurdles at the eleventh hour which have blocked the implementation of the project;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to remove those hurdles so as to take up the construction of this vital project without any further delay; and

(d) whether Government have considered the alternative proposals for a sub-way or a fly-over on the Pankha Road crossing if it could not be constructed on Jail Road crossing; and if so, the broad outline thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) to (d). The Defence authorities have not yet

given their clearance to the construction of the proposed fly-over for Nangal Raya—Delhi Cantt. Railway crossing. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi, are in charge of this project, and the Mayor has now taken up the matter with the Defence and Home Ministers for necessary clearance. There are no alternative proposals for the construction of a sub-way or a fly-over on Pankha Road crossing.

As per the comprehensive traffic and transportation study carried out by Central Road Research Institute the construction of sub-way/flyover on the Pankha Road crossing has not been recommended.

Abolition of radio licence fee

6730. SHRI K MALLANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to abolish the radio licence fee since radio is the cheapest, easiest and quickest means of education, information and entertainment; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). In view of the present financial constraints, there is no proposal to abolish the radio licence fee.

12.28 hrs.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: RECOGNITION OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House that I have decided that consequent on the Congress Party (I) now having the greatest numerical strength in the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Shri Y. B. Chavan, Leader of the Congress Party in the Lok Sabha has ceased to be the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha and Shri C. M. Stephen, Leader of the Congress Party (I), has now been recognised as the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.