

Road Overbridge Between Bhubaneswar and Berhampur on National Highway No.5

6701. SHRI A.N. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct road overbridge in place of Railway level crossing between Bhubaneswar and Berhampur on National Highway No.5; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to construct a road over bridge about 56 metres long on Rambha bypass in place of the railway level crossing at Km 297.150 on National Highway No.5 for which provision of Rs. 60.00 lakhs has been made in the Annual Plan 1990-91.

Construction of New Passport office Building at Calicut

6702. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have acquired some land in Calicut for construction of the passport office building;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in starting the construction work; and

(c) when Government propose to complete this work and shift the office from the present rented building?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The construction drawings have been examined and approved after

appropriate revisions on the basis of user requirements. Efforts will be made to ensure that the work is executed expeditiously so that the Passport Office can shift without delay.

Delay in Delivery of Telegrams

6703. SHRI D. PANDIAN:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are widespread complaints about the inordinate delay in the delivery of the Telegram and letters;

(b) whether Government propose to find out the causes for the delay and take steps for the speedy delivery of the posted material; and

(c) whether Government propose to regularise the services of the deliverymen and also recruit more staff to remove the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Department of Telecommunications is aware that there are occasions when telegrams are delivered late, giving rise to complaints. Complaints about delay in delivery of mails are occasionally received by the Department of Posts. Immediate enquiries are made and wherever necessary, authorities concerned are advised to take remedial measures as necessary.

(b) The causes for delay in delivery of telegrams have been analysed by Department of Telecommunications and, briefly, the causes are:-

(1) delays due to transmission of telegrams through a number of