

a Central Scheme. The schemes at (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) above have already been sanctioned involving an expenditure of Rs. 89.65 lakhs, Rs. 189.80 lakhs, Rs. 155.25 lakhs and Rs. 19.80 lakhs respectively. The scheme referred to at (iv) is under process for sanction.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the loan assistance is being granted to the State Governments amounting to 50 per cent of the cost of the scheme and the balance 50 per cent is borne by the State Governments. Release of the Central loan assistance are made on receipt of the progress reports of works from the State Government.

A sum of Rs. 35.49 lakhs has been released to the Government of Kerala as Central loan assistance upto March, 1986 in respect of the scheme for improvement of Neendakara-Cheriyazheekal Waterways. Further releases would be made on receipt of necessary progress reports from the State Government of Kerala.

Allotment of Bookstalls to M/s. A.H. Wheeler and Co.

*318. SHRI A.C. SHANMUGAM : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any increase in the number of M/s, A.H. Wheeler and Co. bookstalls since their sole selling rights were restricted in November, 1975 pursuant to a specific order of the Department of Railways; and

(b) if so, how much and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Proposals for Connecting State Highways with National Highways in Madhya Pradesh

*319. SHRI MANKURAM SODI :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposals to Union Government for connecting the State Highways of Bastar district with National Highways during the Seventh Five Year Plan keeping in view the lack of road communication facilities in this district;

(b) if so, the number of State Highways proposed to be connected with National Highways; and

(c) whether proposal for connecting the Jagdalpur-Konta and Jagalpur-Bijapur-Bhadrachalam roads with inter-state border is being made for the last many years ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Madhya Pradesh Government had forwarded certain proposals from time to time in the past for being included in the National Highways system, which included *inter-alia* the road from (i) Jagdalpur (NH. 43)-Geedam-Bijapur-Bhopalpatnam-Nirmal (NH. 7) and (ii) Allahabad-Rewa-Bilaspur-Raipur-Jagdalpur-Konta-Rajahmundry, covering mostly the two roads in question. However, owing to limitation of resources and order priority considerations, it has not been possible to accede to this request.

[*English*]

UGC Recognition for Second University of Agricultural Sciences in Karnataka

*320. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU : SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has represented to the University Grants Commission to grant recognition to the second University for Agricultural Sciences