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Rs. 4000 crores was estimated and it was found that, as the matters stand at present, it is not possible to find Rs. 4000 crores in the next three of four years. Therefore in that form in which it was worked out... (Interruptions)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: In Tamilnadu, without spending money, millions of children get benefited.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: If without spending money and spending less than one percent, all the children could be fed. That magic wand we shall certainly get from Tamilnadu or wherever it is available. We will certainly do it.

SHRI ANIL BASU: Are you casting aspersion on Tamilnadu?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: I am not. There must be something very great in feeding all the children, spending less than one per cent. They must have done it, in many ways. Those ingenious ways would have to be really emulated by others. There is no doubt about it. I am not casting aspersions. I am only adding to the praise which Shri Kolandaivelu has been looking for all round. We will certainly look into that.

About the supplementary raised, I would like to say that the very fact that, at the instance of the then Prime Minister a programme, a massive programme, countrywide, was to be taken up, it was considered, it was examined, shows that we are all for it. The only point is how do we get over the constraints. Now, one thing we can do...(Interruptions). You will get your chance to put a supplementary. Let me explain the position of the Government. One thing we can do is, when we are really formulating the next Plan, we could take a hard look at the whole thing and whatever the constraint, we could say that this gets the priority which we have said in the case of primary school buildings, for instance, we have said it. Otherwise, it would not have been possible to give primary school buildings to the whole country. Now it is going to be posible within a foreseeable tuture depending on the NREP and RLEGP

funds. That is being worked out. In the same way, on this programme also some decision has to be taken.

Now, what has been suggested by the Hon. Member in whether we should get ine touch with all the State Governments. W are already in touch with all the State Governments; we are constantly in touch with them. We would certainly make this as one of the points of consultation and see what they can do and what we should do. All these things, we will go into. What I said was, as matters stand at this moment. it is not possible to say that only for this one programme we can find Rs. 4,000 crores. We may find some money. We are going to get extra money. But all that money cannot be put only into this programme. There are several other programmes— 'Operation Blackboard' for instance—, so many other programmes, which we have taken up. Therefore, it may not be possible to come to this extent in the financing of this programme. But the Hon. Member's suggestion is right; I take that. On this programme also we will have full consultation with the State Governments as we are having in all other programmes, and whatever is possible, we will work out even in the Seventh Plan on some pilot scale or some selective scale. For instance, under the World Food Programme-I want to add to the information which I have already given—we are working out a programme where there will be no discrimination between a boy and a girl, there will be no discrimination between one income and another. If you go to a school and say, "I am going to feed those children whose parents have got an income of only Rs. 300 and I am not going to feed the others", then it becomes a discrimination. So, all these would have to be gone into.

[Translation]

Kakori Overbridge on Lucknow-New Delhi railway line

409. SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which construction work of Kakori overbridge on Lucknow-New Delhi railway line was started;

- (b) the estimated cost involved in the construction of this overbridge; and
- (c) the time by which construction of this bridge will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Construction of the Bridge proper was commenced by the Railways on 13.4.85. The work on the approaches has also been commenced recently by the State Public Works Department.

- (b) The estimated cost of construction of this work is Rs. 75,42,115/-.
- (c) Construction of Bridge proper is likely to be completed by the Railways by April, 1987. Commissioning of this Road Over Bridge will however depend on completion of approaches by the State Government.

MR. SPEAKER: The memorial, foundation for which was laid earlier, has not been built and you are constructing the bridge before that.

SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD: Will the Hon. Minister rely on my information that the engineers of the Railways are showing slackness in that work and issue some directions to the Railway officials and engineers to speed up the tempo of work?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: In my reply, I have stated that the work commenced in April, 1985 and is expected to be completed by April, 1987. That means the work is expected to be completed in about 8 months, The portion of work with the Railways had an outlay of about Rs. 36 lakhs, of which Rs. 12.5 lakhs have been spent so far. A provision of Rs. 24 lakhs has been made for the current year, i.e. 1986-87. It shows that our target is to complete this work within this year or within first or second month of the next financial year. 51 per cent of the work has been completed so far. Eight months' time is not an unduly long time. We have already completed 51 per cent of work and expect to complete the rest by April, 1987. So far as the question of approach road by the State P.W.D. is concerned, they have completed only 5 per cent of work so far and I have very little hope that the State Government would be able to complete this work early. Therefore, the Hon. Member should also stress upon the State Government to complete it early.

SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD: Has the Hon. Minister of Railways written any letter to the State Chief Minister or the P.W.D. Minister pointing out the delay on their part and asking them to complete the work early?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: The letter has not been written at the level of the Minister but our Department has been contacting them from time to time and requesting them to do the needful.

SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: From the reply of the Hon. Minister it appears that whenever the Railways construct an overbridge, the approach roads are constructed by the concerned State Government, Therefore, the Railways have no control over the delay that is likely to be there on the part of the State Government. I am saying this because Shri Abdul Ghani Khan Choudhary. the then Railway Minister had inaugurated an overbridge in 1982 at Mhow on N.E. Railway. Since then protracted correspondence between the Railways and the State P.W.D. has been going on as to who should start the work first. They say that the State Government should first construct approach road and thereafter they will construct the overbridge and the work has not commenced although three years have already passed. Therefore, since the Departments of Transport and the Railways are under the charge of the same Minister. I would like to know whether in view of this difficulty can the approach road not be constructed by the C.P.W.D. by handing over this work to them? Can the Hon. Minister not take initiative in a case which has already been delayed by three years and the foundation stone of which was laid by the Hon. Railway Minister himself? I have asked this supplementary specifically about the Mhow overbridge which falls on N.E. Railway.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: This question was about Kakori bridge and I have

already said that we expect to complete our work in eight months.

So far as his question regarding Mhow overbridge is concerned, I shall collect the information and pass on the same to him. It will be our endeavour to impress upon the State P.W.D. once again.

MR. SPEAKER: Next question, Dr. Kalpana Devi...

SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very important question.....

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Jagannath Pattnaik.

SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: This is linked with National Highway...

MR. SPEAKER: Where is the time? From where should I bring time.

[English]

I cannot create time. It is beyond my power, Next question.

Yoga and Naturopathy Units in the country

- *411. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Yoga and Naturopathy Units functioning in the country;
- (b) the financial assistance being provided to these Yoga and Naturopathy units;
- (c) whether Government are satisfied with their performance; and
- (d) if so, the number of new units proposed to be opened during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d). A statement is given below.

Statement

- (a) A list of the Yoga and Naturopathy institutions as available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is given in the Annexure-I below.
- (b) A list of the Yoga and Naturopathy institutions which received financial assistance from the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, an autonomous body financed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, duting the last three years is given in the Annexure-II below.
- (c) Grants are released by the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, only on the satisfactory performance of the institution.
- (d) A provision of Rs. 70.00 (seventy) lakhs has been earmarked for the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy for the development of Yoga and Naturopathy in the Seventh Five Year Plan, which includes grant-in aid for new units/projects as may be approved by the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy. A provision of Rs. 100 (one) crore has been made for the National Institute of Naturopathy, which is being established at Pune, as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Annexure-I

List of Yoga Institutions

Andhra Pradesh

- Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Andhra University, WALTAIR.
- 2. The Indian Institute of Research in Yoga and Allied Sciences, 4th, Hostel, S.P.W. College, TIRUPATI-517501.
- 3. Department of Physical Education, Andhra University, WALTAIR.
- 4. Shri Santi Ashram, Via Saukhawaram, Distt. EAST GODAVARI-533458.