

श्री बुटा सिंह : इस वक्त तो अध्यक्ष जी, प्रश्न है कि जो पैसा दिया गया है उसका इस्तेमाल हुआ कि नहीं। मध्य प्रदेश में जैसा माननीय सदस्य ने स्वयं बताया 44.71 करोड़ रु० दिया गया जिसमें से यूटिलाइजेशन हुआ 45.67 करोड़। इसमें 125 ग्रीन-गोइंग वर्क्स हैं, और 1970 से पहले का कोई काम अभी तक बाकी नहीं है। यह मैं मानता हूँ कि जनरल मेंटेनेंस सड़कों की जैसी होनी चाहिए वैसी नहीं है। फिर भी स्टेट पी० डब्ल्यू० डी० से कहा गया है कि जो बहुत ही ऐक्यूट किस्म की सड़कें हैं उन के बारे में लिखें ताकि हम कोई न कोई इंटरजाम कर सकें।

SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI: As far as the national highway works are concerned, the funds are being pumped out from the Central pool. The process for finalisation of tenders etc. by the State Governments take a lot of time. Due to that escalation of prices is also inevitable. According to the answer given by the Minister, out of over 5,600 works sanctioned since the beginning of the Fourth Plan, on-going works as on 1-4-1981 number 1,440. I would like to ask the Minister whether these on-going works sanctioned in the beginning of the Fourth Plan are still in the process of completion?

Secondly, out of these 900 works sanctioned after 1-4-1978, 15 works were sanctioned till 1-4-1980. I would like to ask the Minister due to these, what is the escalation of prices involved in these on-going works?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, the hon. Member himself mentioned that these on-going works were sanctioned in the Fourth-Plan itself. In most of the States these works have been completed. As I mentioned that of the on-going works sanctioned in 1970, only two in Andhra Pradesh are yet to be completed, again two in Assam are yet to be completed, only three in Bihar are yet to be completed, only one in Karnataka is yet to be completed, only one in Orissa

is yet to be completed, only two in Punjab are yet to be completed, only one in Tamil Nadu is yet to be completed and only three in Uttar Pradesh are yet to be completed. As I said by 1984 we will be able to complete all these works.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Movement of coal through DVC Canal

*165. **SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal about the possibility of using the DVC canal for movement of coal from Bengal-Bihar coalfields to Calcutta areas by inland water transport; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). At the request of the Damodar Valley Corporation and the Ministry of Energy, the feasibility of reactivating the DVC Canal for coal movement is being examined.

Anti-India Tirade by Pak Press

*169. **SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:**

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item published in Times of India of 4th August, 1981 under the heading Green signal to Pak Press for anti-India tirade; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have been concerned about the reports that have been appearing in the Pakistani press in the last few weeks which have tried to misrepresent facts and portray India in a negative light. These include false reports about so-called Indian plans to launch an Israeli type attack on Pakistan's nuclear facilities, secret meeting between myself and President Babrak Karmal and allegations about large scale acquisition of arms by India. Government have been concerned about this trend and have called upon the Government of Pakistan to refrain from any action which can cause a set-back to sincere efforts that are being made by us to normalise relations with that country.

Difficulty in getting visa for Pakistan

*170. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that securing a visa for Pakistan is still a difficult job despite the fact that many more Indians are today visiting the neighbouring country than before;

(b) if so, the details regarding the procedure; and

(c) the number of Pakistanis have come to India as well as Indian visitors who have visited Pakistan during last two years?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b). Government are aware of reports about difficulties encountered by prospective visitors to Pakistan in obtaining visas.

Visa applications made to the Pakistan Embassy are processed by it according to the procedures laid down by the Government of Pakistan.

(c) The number of Pakistanis coming to India was 2,70,354 in 1979, and

2,39,020 in 1980. The corresponding figures for Indians going to Pakistan were 85,110 and 98,050 respectively.

रेलवे में बकाया कार्य निपटान पखवाड़ा

* 171. श्री राम प्यारे पन्डिका : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय ने जुलाई, माह में बकाया कार्य निपटान पखवाड़े का आयोजन किया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पखवाड़े की अग्रधि क्या थी और अभी कितना काम निपटाया जाना शेष है; और

(ग) शेष कार्य के कब तक निपटारे जाने की सम्भावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) इस पक्ष की अग्रधि 6-7-1981 मे 18-7-1981 तक थी । अभियान के अन्त मे निपटारे जाने वाले बकाया काम की मात्रा में लगभग 8500 आवृतियां तथा लगभग 4840 फाइलें थीं ।

(ग) यद्यपि, निश्चित समय-सीमा नहीं बतलाई जा सकेगी, फिर भी, बकाया आवृतियों/ फाइलों को शीघ्रता से निपटाने के लिए सभी संभव उपाय किये जा रहे हैं ।

Declaration of Navigable Channel between Haldia and Farakka as National Waterway

*172. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN:

SHRI SUDHIR KUMAR GIRI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government requested the Centre to take a quick decision on the declaration of