

नहीं है। मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि इस दिशा में सरकार क्या कदम उठाने जा रही है। सूखे दूध जो बच्चे को दिए जाते हैं, इनके प्रति माताओं का ब्रह्मान कम हो, जैसा कि विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन ने भी सलाह दी है, इस ओर सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR:
In answer to the main question, I have already stated that it is the expert opinion through out the world that breast feeding is good for the infant. Therefore, our Government is also considering this point seriously. Initially, mostly our rural population had the habit of breast feeding throughout the country. Now, with the coming of modernisation, we are facing some difficulty, and we are trying to see that more and more mothers take to breast feeding. About the law, I have already said that the Ministry of Social Welfare is the nodal Ministry which will prepare this law. After the World Health Assembly finalises the scheme, I think our Government will also finalise their course of action.

श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय को यह जानकारी है कि हमारे देश में जिस प्रकार का सूखा दूध या दूसरे प्रकार के दूध मिलते हैं, उनकी किस्में इतनी घटिया होती हैं कि उससे शिशु के स्वास्थ्य पर निश्चित रूप से बुरा असर पड़ता है। इस संबंध में मंत्रालय का और सरकार का कई बार ध्यान आकर्षित किया गया है। इस प्रकार के घटिया दूध की पुनरावृत्ति न हो, इसके लिए सरकार ने उन घटिया दूध बनाने वाली कंपनियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR:
We have already said, we are in favour

of breast feeding. We are against this baby food milk and other things. But for necessary legislation, we have to wait till the World Health Organisation....

श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा : मैं घटिया किस्म के दूध के बारे में प्रश्न किया है, जो कंपनियां घटिया दूध बनाती हैं, उनके खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है। इसके बारे में जो शिकायतें मिली हैं, उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : शिकायतें मिलती हैं क्या ?

(अवधान)

श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा : माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से एक बात जानना चाहता हूँ। आज-कल देश में कई औरतें सौंदर्य के लिए ब्रेस्ट फीडिंग नहीं कराती हैं, उसके लिए आपका क्या कहना है और आपका क्या अनुभव है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह प्रश्न इनसे कैसे करेंगे आप ?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR:
I was telling that we are also publicising that breast feeding is really good for the child and our mothers should not take to this baby food milk.

Bad Condition of National Highway between Rampur-Lucknow and Bareilly-Shahjahanpur

*834. **SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD:**
Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway joining Delhi with Lucknow is in an extremely bad condition from Rampur to Lucknow and the worst patch is from Bareilly to Shahjahanpur;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the funds provided by Government for the repair of the National Highway are one-tenth of the actual funds required;

(c) whether, considering the importance of the National Highway, Government propose to reconsider and increase the amount given at present for repairs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (d). Of the 2328 Kms of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh only about 500 Kms remain single lane. 90 Kms of these single lane reaches have been sanctioned for widening and widening of 310 Kms is being included in the 1980-85 plan. Strengthening of pavement has been done in about 350 Kms and strengthening work is in progress in another about 275 Kms. It is proposed to include strengthening of about 260 Kms in 1980-85 plan. Damages on account of rains were mainly observed in the reaches which are still single lane of where adequate strengthening has not been done. Due to heavy and concentrated rainfall and floods in the last monsoon season all categories of roads in Uttar Pradesh were damaged. Most of the National Highways sustained some damages including Delhi-Lucknow road N.H. 24. Estimates for repairs to flood damages totalling to Rs. 355 lakhs were sanctioned for all the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh and an allotment of Rs. 190 lakhs made. Also additional works totalling Rs. 206 lakhs of rehabilitation of pavement were sanctioned under Original Works Programme. Of this repair and rehabilitation works totalling to Rs. 76.5 lakhs were sanctioned on Delhi-Lucknow road alone.

The condition of road between Rampur and Lucknow and particularly

Bareilly-Shahjahanpur was also affected due to unprecedented monsoon. In the reach between Bareilly-Shahjahanpur an improvement work has been sanctioned for the improvement of the bad horizontal curves. The work has been taken in hand after the end of the monsoon. On completion of this work the condition between Bareilly-Shahjahanpur will improve.

Immediate repairs to the damaged portion of the National Highways have already been carried out and the roads are in traffic worthy condition. The flood damage repair works started during 1980-81 are in progress and most of them are likely to be completed before the next monsoon. In addition other improvement works on N.H. 24 such as widening and strengthening of the pavement, raising of submersible reaches etc. costing around Rs. 1760 lakhs are in progress and when completed would further improve the road. Improvement works estimated at about Rs. 900 lakhs are being proposed for inclusion in the 6th Five Year Plan (1980-85) which is under finalisation.

SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: As per the reply of the hon. Minister, a sum of Rs. 76.5 lakhs has been sanctioned for the repair of the Highway No. 24. Therefore, I would like to ask what was the total estimated amount required for the repair and the rehabilitation of the National Highway No. 24 against which an allocation of Rs. 76.5 lakhs had been made? What was the estimated amount required for the repair of the Highway between Rampur and Lucknow and Bareilly-Shahjahanpur? How much money has been allocated? Considering the importance of this Highway, will the Government agree to increase the amount for the repair this year?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: As already given out in the statement I laid on the Table of the House, an addition to the improvement works on National Highway No. 24, such as widening

and strengthening of the pavement, raising of submersible reaches, costing around Rs. 17 crores and 60 lakhs, are in progress and when completed would further improve the road. Improvement works estimated at about Rs. 9 crores are being proposed for inclusion in the Sixth Five Year Plan which is under finalisation.

SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: What about damages due to monsoon and other things and what about major repairs and widening and strengthening of the roads? No answer has been given about it.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: As I said just now, and as mentioned in the statement, this amount of Rs. 9 crores is being proposed to be included in the Sixth Five Year Plan for widening and repairs.

SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: What is the estimated amount required?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: The estimated amount varies. First the State Government frame the estimates after the floods occur and then. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: My information is that very little has been allocated for that road. I want to know the estimated amount required.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: If I am allowed to mention to the House, the allocation made to Uttar Pradesh in relation to other States compares quite favourably. I cannot say that it is more, but it compares quite favourably. The amount in question takes into consideration the actual damages to a particular road. After the estimates are prepared by the State we send our own teams to verify on the spot and after that verification we process the whole project and sanction the amount. So far, the sanctions given to Uttar Pradesh are quite satisfactory and the work is

going on. May I tell the hon. Member that by the end of 1980-81, that is before the next monsoon we will be in a position to repair all the damages?

SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: Is it a fact that due to shortage of bitumen there is a stalemate in the repairs and rehabilitation of all the highways in Uttar Pradesh at least and if so, how is the Government going to repair the roads before the monsoon? Because, my information is that the work is at a standstill on all the Highways of Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: It is not correct to say that the work is at a standstill because materials like bitumen, cement and steel are not adequately available. We are trying by all possible ways with the help of the Planning Commission and other Ministries involved to see that the work concerning the repairs and maintenance of roads does not suffer.

MR. SPEAKER: Dograji, are you also interested in this road?

SHRI G. L. DOGRA: If provision is made for the maintenance do they see that they are really maintained? If, they do see it, why are the roads in a bad plight?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Yes. We are in close touch with the State Government and our staff also goes out to the spot to see that the maintenance works which are carried out by the States are satisfactory, and we are quite satisfied with the nature of work done by them. So far as the National Highway is concerned, I myself went over the National Highway near Shri Dogra's place and I am quite satisfied, after my visit, that it has improved.

MR. SPEAKER: Only Lucknow side?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Mr. Dogra will stand witness to it.

(*Interruptions*)