

SHRI BRIJ RAJ SINGH—Kotah : Why is he trying to shift all operations entirely from Safdarjung ? Does he think that it is a big hazard to the population in the surrounding area ?

DR. KARAN SINGH : As the hon. Member knows, Safdarjung is located in an area which is getting built up, and, therefore, there is a view that large-scale operations or heavy plane operations in Safdarjung may not be safe. We have accepted that view for the heavier planes, but for the smaller planes, we do not think that it is in any way a major hazard. However, with the growth of Delhi and the increasing urbanisation, this is a matter which will have to be kept under constant review.

Steps taken to improve Highways connecting NEFA with Border Areas

*1495. **SHRI C. C. GOHAIN** : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the steps Central Government have taken to improve the Highways connecting NEFA with the border areas of Assam ; and

(b) how much amount has been allocated during the year 1971-72 to improve the National Highways there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) A statement is giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) There is no National Highway in NEFA and therefore the question of allocating any amount for them does not arise.

STATEMENT

List of roads improved/being improved by the Central Government to connect NEFA with border areas of Assam

1. Charduar-Bhalukpong in NEFA with Tezpur in Assam.
2. Kimin in NEEA with Dejoo in Assam.

3. Lekhabali in NEFA with Akhajan in Assam.
4. Pasighat in NEFA with Jonai in Assam.
5. Sitapani-Allubarighat-Tezu in NEFA with Rupai in Assam.
6. Margherita to Khonsa.
7. Tirap Gate to Nampong.
8. Tirap Gate to Miao.
9. Joypur to Khonsa.
10. Bimalpur to Longding.
11. Saidya to Tezu.
12. Oyan Oryamghat Road.
13. Oring Chapakhowa Road.

SHRI C. C. GOHAIN : In view of the fact that NEFA is a border area and during the Chinese aggression our defence personnel had to face a lot of difficulties in carrying arms and ammunition for want of roads, may I know whether Government propose to construct roads from (1) Hyulong to Walong, (2) Yingkiang to Tuting, and (3) Taliha to Mechuria ?

SHRI OM MEHTA : We know that this is an area where roads are very essential. In the Fourth Five-Year Plan a sum of Rs. 555.55 lakhs was sanctioned for roads, and we are trying to construct roads. Five roads have been built. If the hon. Member wants the details, I can give them now. As for the other roads which he has mentioned they are also in the process.

SHRI C. C. GOHAIN : May I know whether Government are proposing to construct a lateral road in NEFA ?

SHRI OM MEHTA : The lateral road goes up to Amingaon.

Manuscript of Diwan-E-Ghalib smuggled to Pakistan

*1496. **SHRI S. A. SHAMIM** : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a rare manuscript of Diwan-e-Ghalib, in Poet Ghalib's own hand, was discovered in Bhopal on the 5th April, 1969 ;