

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

(a) Yes, Sir. The State Govt, had indicated in a report that work has been taken up on this road by them.

(b) and (c) So far, no proposal has been received from the State Govt, for construction of a tunnel through Peer Panchal Range. The only proposal sent by them provides for construction of a road over Pir-Ki-Gali pass at a cost of Rs. 15.87 crore*.

(d) The matter has been under correspondence between the Central Government and the State Government for quite sometime. The alignment of the proposed road over the Pir-Ki-Gali along the Old Moghul route was approved by the Defence Ministry who had at no Stage objected to it. In case an alignment at a lower level along with a tunnel is contemplated now, this will have to be examined afresh from the security angle since these two aspects were not covered under the earlier clearance.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संख्या 12 की मरम्मत

1220. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : क्या नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संख्या 12 का पाटन से घाटोली के बीच का भाग पूरी तरह से खराब हो चुका है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी मरम्मत हेतु क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जियाउर रहमान अंसारी) :

(क) और (ख) पाटन और घाटोली के बीच की सड़क जयपुर-कोटा-बियोरा सड़क

का ही एक भाग है जिसको फरवरी, 1981 में विस्तार करके राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित किया गया था और यह सड़क यातायात के योग्य है। इस सड़क का विकास/सुधार कार्य क्रमबद्ध पद्धति से किया जाना है जो इस कार्य के लिए उपलब्ध समस्त धनराशि और कार्यों की परस्पर प्राथमिकता पर निर्भर करता है। राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 12 के जयपुर-कोटा-बियोरा खण्ड की मरम्मत करने के लिए कुल 87 लाख रुपये के अनुमान स्वीकृत किए गए हैं जिसमें इस सड़क खण्ड की मरम्मत के लिए 23.00 लाख रुपये के अनुमान स्वीकृत किए गए हैं।

Recession in Shipping Industry

1221. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shipping industry is facing world-wide recession;

(b) if so, what are its effect on India's shipping industry and trade;

(c) what is the present tonnage capacity of the Indian ships both in private and public sector;

(d) the loss suffered by the Shipping Corporation of India during the last two years and the steps taken to cut down the loss; and

(e) what are the particulars of the ships at present under construction at the shipyards in India, their DWT and estimated cost and what are the names of organisations for whom these are being built along with the delivery dates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

(a) Yes.

(b) The freight/charter earnings of Indian Shipping Companies have come

down considerably as a result of which Indian Shipping Companies are facing severe cash-flow problems. Some Indian Shipping Companies have had to close down their operations. The Indian Shipping Companies are also finding it difficult to meet their capital requirements.

(c) The tonnage capacity of Indian ships as on 31-1-83 is as under:—

Public, Sector 3.25 m GRT

Private Sector 2.79 m GRT

(d) Shipping Corporation of India has not suffered any loss during the last two years. Profit earned by Shipping Corporation of India is given below:—

Rupees in crores

1980-81 18.36

1981-82 4.74

(e) A statement is attached. [See Appendix CXXV Annexure No.51]

Brain drain of personnel of Merchant Navy

1222. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated expenditure incurred on the training of an Officer/Cadet at the Government's Merchant Navy Training Ship and Marine Colleges;

(b) whether it is a fact that these Officers soon after putting in the minimum years of service leave the Shipping Corporation or other Government Companies/Organisations and join the foreign shipping lines which offer remunerative salaries and perks; and

(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take to check this brain drain and loss of money on training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

(a) Estimated expenditure on training per

Navigating/Marine Engineering Cadet is Government run Merchant Navy Training Institutions is Rs. 28,000 and Rs. 42,000 respectively.

(b) For several years in the past a large number of trained and qualified navigating and Engineering Officers have been leaving the service of Indian Shipping Companies to take up employment on Foreign Flag Ships which offered lucrative salary and other perks. Of late this tendency has considerably reduced due to world wide recession in shipping. There is no shortage of officers for Indian Shipping Companies at present.

(c) Government have powers under Section 87(a-d) of the Merchant Shipping Act to regulate employment of Indian Officers on Foreign Flag Ships.

Amount spent on the improvement of National Highways

1223. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:-

(a) the total amount spent on the improvement of the National Highways, particularly the Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer Ahmedabad Highway passing through Rajasthan during the current year;

(b) whether this Highway is in a bad condition at some places owing to high density of vehicular and other traffic on account of the ever-increasing use of the Kandla Port; and

(c) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to further improve it during the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

(a) Out of an allocation of Rs. 600 lakhs for National Highways (Original) works for Rajasthan during 1982-83, a sum of Rs. 417.77 lakhs has been spent on improvement/development of National Highways in Rajasthan upto December, 1982 which *inter-alia* includes a sum of Rs. 247 lakhs incurred on Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer-Ahmedabad National Highway No. 8 passing through Rajasthan.