

**Complaints against the N. E. F.  
Railway's Functioning**

\*278. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:  
SHRI AHMAD HOSSAIN  
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received from the public including some Members of Parliament against the functioning of the North-east Frontier Railway during the years 1978-79, 1979-80 and upto the end of October, 1980; and

(b) how many of these complaints have been disposed of and with what result?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the N. F. Railway and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Maintenance of National Highways  
in Tamil Nadu**

\*279. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the total amount spent out of the sanctioned amount for the maintenance of National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the years 1978-79, 1979-80 and so far during this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Statement**

| Year    | Development of National Highways |                               | Maintenance of National Highways |                              |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
|         | Final allotment                  | Actual expenditure            | Final allotment                  | Actual expenditure           |
|         | (Rs. in lakhs)                   |                               |                                  |                              |
| 1978-79 | 475.00                           | 475.86                        | 167.64                           | 166.60                       |
| 1979-80 | 528.00                           | 528.55                        | 197.75                           | 142.18                       |
| 1980-81 | 512.00                           | 136.05<br>(Upto October 1980) | 142.70<br>(So far released)      | 71.20<br>(Upto October 1980) |

**Cases of 'Squander Mania'**

\*280. SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have wound up a Committee set up during the Janata regime to look into the "cases of squander-mania" in his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) In February 1980, Govern-

ment wound up the Commission on Public Expenditure which had been constituted in May 1979, by the Janata Government. Their work was to study the expenditure of ALL MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF Government. This Commission set up a small Study Group to examine the expenditure problems concerning the Ministry of External Affairs. Government are not aware of any Committee set up "to look into the cases of squander-mania" specifically in this Ministry. The Ministry's budget, just for itself, stands at Rs. 83.59 crores which represent merely 0.73 per cent