

Vivekananda Rock Memorial

2084. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vivekananda Rock Administration is faced with serious problems of silting in the Kanyakumari Harbour compelling it to close the ferry service to the rock from December 5, 1980;

(b) whether V.R.M. Administration has appealed to the Union Government for help; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to dredge the harbour for the benefit of millions of visitors?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The Government of Tamil Nadu has reported that there is some problem of siltation in the Kanyakumari Harbour and further that ferry service to the Rock Memorial is continuing beyond 5 December, 1980.

(b) Yes.

(c) Action is required to be taken by the Tamil Nadu Government under whose jurisdiction Kanyakumari falls. The Government of Tamil Nadu have reported that they are taking all steps for maintaining a ferry service without any interruption.

Allocation of funds for development and repairs of National Highways in Maharashtra and Gujarat

2085. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what allocation of funds Government have made to the State Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat for the development and repair of National Highways;

(b) the items of works and the amount of funds provided for the development of each item and repairs of the National Highways in the States;

(c) the areas for which allocation has been made; and

(d) what progress has so far been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) to (d) A statement is attached.

Statement

Allocations made during 1980-81 for the development of National Highways and funds released so far for the maintenance and repairs of National Highways as also the progress of expenditure till now in respect of National Highways covering the whole of the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat are indicated below separately for development works and maintenance works, respectively:—

(A) Allocation of funds during 1980-81 and the progress of expenditure on the development of National Highways:

Item	Maharashtra		Gujarat	
	Allocation	Progressive expenditure upto October'80	Allocation	Progressive expenditure upto October'80
(Rs. in lakhs)				
(i) Road works	387.31	} 214.65	248.11	} 152.91
(ii) Bridge works	208.53		92.56	
(iii) Other minor works (This includes sanctioned works less than Rs. 10 lakhs and new works less than Rs. 25 lakhs each)	179.16		59.33	
TOTAL :	775.00	214.65	400.60	152.91

(B) Funds released so far and the progress of expenditure on the main-

tenance and repairs of National Highways:

Item	Maharashtra		Gujarat	
	Allocation	Progressive expenditure up to October '80	Allocation	Progressive expenditure up to October '80
(Rs. in lakhs)				
(i) Ordinary repairs	90.00	} 140.09	43.00	} 176.99
(ii) Renewals	120.00		55.00	
(iii) Special repair works (continuing)	6.00		8.00	
(iv) Flood damage repair, works (continuing)	13.20		100.00	
(v) Special repair works (New)	2.74		—	
(vi) Urban links	15.15		..	
TOTAL :	247.09	140.09	206.00	176.99

Passenger ship service between Mangalore and Bombay

2086. SHRI B. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to start passenger ship service to Mangalore from Bombay;

(b) if so, by when the service is likely to be introduced; and

(c) what would be the fare and the duration of the journey?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) There is no proposal to start passenger ship service between Bombay and Mangalore under Government's consideration.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Upgradation of Karwar Port

2087. SHRI B. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals under Government consideration to upgrade the Karwar Port;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard;

(c) whether any estimate has been prepared for execution of this work; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Representation from Dakshin Railway Employees Union, Madras

2088. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation dated the 23rd October, 1980 from the Dakshin Railway Employees' Union, Madras regarding retrenchment of casual labourer working under 10W/BR/SPE; and