

and developing needs of society and also keeping in mind the judicial pronouncements and observations.

Provident Fund dues against undertakings and organisations in Delhi

♦416. SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI:
SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government are aware that several undertakings and organisations in Delhi have failed to deposit provident fund dues in time and are in arrears;

(b) whether any action has been taken by Government against the defaulting organisations, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reduction in Licence Fee for Radio and T.V.

*417. SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to reduce licence fee for radio and television for making the media popular with the masses; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. D. SHARMA): (a) to (b) The licence fees for radio and television are finalised by the I & B Ministry. It is understood that there is no such proposal under consideration of that Ministry.

National Highways in India

"418. DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB
BURMAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of national highways in the country which are maintained by the Central Government; and

(b) the number of national highways which are at present under construction?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (DR. G. S. DHILLON) : (a) Fifty-five.

(b) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and works are taken up according to traffic requirements on particular sections, their *inter-se* priority in the overall scheme of development and availability of resources. Works sanctioned on this basis since the beginning of the 4th Plan covering the various National Highways in the country include 3,874 jobs estimated to cost Rs. 357.06 crores.

D.T.C. service to the rural areas of Delhi

419. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SAN-
YAL :

SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR
SINGH:

Will (be Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT oe pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 369 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd January, 1976 and state :

(a) the number of trips missed and the number of breakdowns of buses on the routes between Delhi Railway Station and Lampur Border, Bankner, Gogha Sanoth, Narela and the adjoining villages during the last six months and the average number of passengers carried by each bus on each ; trip as compared to D.T.C. buses running on other city routes;

(b) the number of trips missed daily by the shuttle service between Azadpur and Lampur Border operated by private buses