

(b) by when these roads are likely to be completed '.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The State of Uttar Pradesh has 10 National Highways totalling in length to 2,328 kms. No new road of the State was de-hired as a national Highway in the Fourth Plan period. Also no new road of the State has been declared as such till now in the Fifth Five Year Plan. The 10 national highways are existing roads and do not have any missing link. These are, however being widened, strengthened and improved at an estimated cost of about Rs. 45 crores to meet the demand of traffic of the near future. The improvement works include construction of new bridges over the river Ganga at Kanpur on National Highway No. 25 and at Allahabad on National Highway No. 2, and of the bridge over the river Yamuna at Kalpi on National Highway No. 25. These improvement works are in various stages of progress. Funds permitting, of which there is shortage, the improvement works are likely to be completed by end of the Fifth Plan period.

Mini Steel Plants

123. SHRI D. N. DWIVEDI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are reviewing the utility of mini-steel plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) and (b) Government have decided to commission detailed study of the mini steel plants with a view to identifying measures necessary to improve their viability. The details of the proposed study are presently under consideration.

चास बोकारो चैम्बर्स ऑफ़ कामर्स एण्ड इण्डस्ट्रीज द्वारा भागों के संबंध में ज्ञापन

124. डॉ० रामकृपाल सिंह : क्या स्थात श्री

खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 5 अप्रैल, 1975 को चास बोकारो चैम्बर्स ऑफ़ कामर्स एण्ड इण्डस्ट्रीज द्वारा उन्हें एक ज्ञापन दिया गया था; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसमें दी गई मांगों का स्वप्न क्या है जिन पर सरकार द्वारा विचार किया गया है तथा उनके कब तक कार्यान्वित किये जाने की संभावना है ?

''' [Memorandum of demands by Chas Bokaro Chambers of Commerce and Industries

124. DR. RAM KRIPAL SINHA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 5th April, 1975 a memorandum was submitted to him at Bokaro by the Chas Bokaro Chambers of Commerce and Industries ; and

(b) if so, the nature of the demands contained therein which have been considered by Government and by when these are likely to be implemented ?]

इस्तात श्री खान मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद): (क) और (ख) जानकारी प्राप्त की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

*THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Concentrator and Smelter Plant in Khetri Copper Project

125. DR. RAM KRIPAL SINHA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction work of the concentrator and smelter plant in Khetri Copper Project has been completed; and

(b) if not what are the reasons therefor?

i[] English Translation.