

West Coast Road as a National Highway. This matter is receiving attention. Meanwhile, however, this road is already being developed with 100% Central financial assistance towards single-lane all-weather asphalted road. The development of the entire road to this standard is estimated to cost Rs. 22.39 crores against which a sum of Rs. 18.53 crores has already been spent so far on this project since its inception in the first 5-Year Plan.

AMENITIES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

631. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Study Group on way-side amenities on the National Highways has submitted its recommendations to Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT

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(SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) The report of the Study Group on Wayside Amenities is not yet ready.

(b) Does not arise.

BRIDGE OVER PANCHGANGA RIVER

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be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far regarding the construction of a bridge over

Panchganga river near Kolhapur on National Highway No. 4;

(b) whether tender from any party for the construction of the bridge has since been approved; if so, the name of the party; and

(c) when the work is likely to be commenced and the scheduled date of its completion?

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(SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) to (c) An estimate for the construction of the bridge has been sanctioned and tenders have been received recently and are under consideration.

The bridge is likely to take about 2½ years to complete after the work is awarded.

STEPS TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

633. SHRI B. S. SAVNEKAR:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRIMATI VIMAL PUNJAB
DESHMUKH:
DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI
TALWAR:
SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI: :
SHRI T. G. DESHMUKH:
SHRI S. B. BOBDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

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be pleased to state:

(a) what positive steps are being taken by Government for the better and efficient management of the public sector undertakings; and

(b) whether Government expect greater mobilisation of resources from these undertakings as a result of the improvements in the management as envisaged in the Fourth Five Year Plan and the Budget?