

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

649. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total number of Central Government employees (category-wise) who have completed 25 and 30 years of service as on December 31, 1969?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHAMAN SHUKLA) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ROAD BRIDGE NEAR PAMBAN RAILWAY BRIDGE

650. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to link Rameswaram Island with the hinterland by building a road bridge near Pamban Railway Bridge has been finalised;

(b) if so, whether it will be included in the Fourth Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) Certain information and data in connection with the construction of a road bridge near Pamban are being collected and scrutinised. However, the proposal for the road bridge has been provisionally included in the draft Fourth Five Year Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

SETHUSAMUDRAM PROJECT

651. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN :
SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :
SHRI KANCHI KALYANASUNDARAM :
SHRI T. K. SRINIVASAN :

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

(a) the total amount spent up to December 31, 1969, on Sethusamudram Project in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) what are the prospects of its inclusion in the Fourth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Consultant's Report and Estimates on Sethusamudram Ship Canal Project have been received and are under examination in consultation with all the concerned authorities. No expenditure has so far been incurred on the project as such, apart from the expenditure on investigations and for the preparation of the Project Report and Estimates.

CHAIRMAN, MEMBER-SECRETARY, SECRETARY AND JOINT SECRETARY OF N.C.G.C. GANDHI DARSHAN

652. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount drawn by the Chairman, Member-Secretary, Secretary and Joint Secretary of N.C.G.C. Gandhi Darshan on heads of honoraria, salaries, allowances, travelling and incidental expenses, free houses and telephones between April 1, 1967 and March 31, 1970; and

(b) what are the reasons for making payment of special honoraria to Shri Kanu Desai and Shri Kanu Gandhi in addition to payments made for purchase of their work and copyrighted material?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

PERMISSION SOUGHT BY NAWABZADI OF RAMPUR FOR FILING A SUIT

653. SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Nawabzadi Sayida Qamar Laqa Begum has applied for permission from the Government of India to file a suit against the present Nawab of Rampur for partition of property;

(b) if so, whether such permission has been granted by the Government of India;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and