

ed in all respects. Work on 203 miles has been completed upto waterbound macadam stage and on the remaining 426 miles it is in various stages of progress. The entire work is expected to be completed according to schedule. As regards low priority roads, out of the length of 690 miles, work on 312 miles has been completed. No target date of completion has been laid down for this class of roads as progress will depend on availability of funds. The amounts paid to the State Government towards reimbursement of expenditure incurred on the works were Rs. 1 crore in 1965-66, about Rs. 5.31 crores in 1966-67 and about Rs. 7 crores in 1967-68. A sum of about Rs. 7.46 crores has been tentatively allocated for payment to the State Government towards expenditure during 1968-69.

The bulk of the machinery required by the State Government for road works, e.g. T.M.B. Trucks, concrete Mixers, Vibrators, etc. have been delivered to the State Government. The remaining machinery is in the process of movement to the work sites.

To augment supply of water to the work sites, 27 tubewells have already been sunk out of a total of 30 tubewells required.

*248. [Withdrawn.]

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONGST THE TOWN PLANNERS

*278. SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPALAN): Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the town planners in the country are also likely to face unemployment problem like the engineers; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to safeguard their interests?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) and (b) No special measures to ensure the employment of town planners are considered necessary since there are

no indications of deterioration in employment position among them.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा नागरिकों का अपहरण

बल्लभ ठेंगड़ क्या गृहकार्य मंत्रालय में ह बताने के लिए कहेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत-पाक सीमा के पास पाकिस्तान द्वारा भारतीय नागरिकों का अपहरण कर लिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कितने भारतीय नागरिकों का अपहरण किया गया है और वे कहाँ हैं ;

(ग) उनके वापस कराने के सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

ABDUCTION OF CIVILIANS BY PAKISTAN

*261. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian soldiers and civilians have been abducted by Pakistan from the areas along the Indo-Pakistan border;

(b) if so, what was the number of persons abducted from the areas in the States of Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan and Gujarat during the last three years; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to get them back?]

गृहकार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रिजचरण शुक्ल) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायगी।

† Transferred from the 9th May, 1968.

† [] English translation.

† Transferred from the 10 May, 1968.

† [THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.]

ABOLITION OF POSTS IN THE SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE
NEW DELHI

308. SHRI K. C. BAGHEL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts created or upgraded in the category of Assistant Professors, Research Officers and Planning Assistants in the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi during the years 1966, 1967 and 1968 so far;

(b) the number of permanent posts of the above categories abolished or proposed to be abolished for which the requisite notices have already been issued to the affected employees, since January, 1967 to date; and

(c) whether, in view of the difficult employment situation for the Architectural Graduates in the country, it is proposed to review the situation and not to abolish any posts, at present?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) One post of Assistant Professor in 1966 and two posts of Research Associates in 1967 were created.

(b) and (c) It was decided in 1967 that two posts of Technical Assistants (Planning) should be abolished. The position was however reviewed recently. It has now been decided to continue the two posts of Technical Assistants (Planning) till the present incumbents are in position. Further only one post of Research Associate will be created instead of two such posts referred to at (a) above.

SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE
NEW DELHI

309. SHRI K. C. BAGHEL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to

state:

(a) whether it is a fact the two complexes of multistoreyed buildings of the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi were inaugurated in 1959 and 1964 respectively at a cost of approximately Rs. 1.25 crores;

(b) whether the Board of Governors of the School have proposed to shift the venue of the School and have asked for the new sites at the location of Jawaharlal Nehru University; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative what are the reasons for shifting the School premises which were completed only a few years back at a high cost and the amount likely to be involved on the proposed new buildings and purchase of new furniture etc.?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) As stated in reply to Unstarred Question No. 930 on 20-3-1968, some of the buildings were constructed in 1958 and the rest in 1964. The total cost of the buildings is Rs. 26.33 lakhs and not Rs. 1.25 crores.

(b) A proposal to this effect has been made to the Government by the authorities of the School.

(c) The reason adduced by the School in support of the proposal is that the present site does not have adequate land for further expansion of the activities of the School and its development as a residential Campus for the students and the staff. The school has not given any estimates of the cost to be incurred to give effect to the proposal.

ABOLITION OF EVENING CLASSES BY THE
SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE
NEW DELHI

310. SHRI K. C. BAGHEL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi propose to abolish evening classes for P. G. Diploma in Architectural and Planning for reasons of economy;