

(b) Government is aware of the need for soil and water conservation in the country and increasing attention has been given, to these measures in successive Five Year Plans.

KAKINADA PORT

*13. SHRI YELLA REDDY :
SHRI P. K. KUMARAN :

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop Kakinada as a major or all-weather port to transport iron ore from Bailadilla (Madhya Pradesh) to Japan;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposal; and

(c) what is the estimated cost involved in the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) Yes Sir. A proposal to develop Kakinada or some other suitable site near about as a major port for the export of Bailadilla iron ore is under investigation.

(b) The main feature of the proposal is the export of iron ore of the order of about 6 million tons from Bailadilla through the new port by ensuring a fast loading rate.

(c) The project is under investigation and its cost has not been estimated yet.

CENTRAL SEED FARM IN ORISSA

*14. SHRI B. N. MANDAL : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state the details of the progress made in the establishment of a Central Seed Farm in Orissa ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) : It has been decided to set up a Central Seed Farm of about 10,000 acres in the Foreshore

and Periphery areas of the Hirakud Dam Reservoir. Details of the scheme are being worked out.

राष्ट्रीय राजपथ संख्या 7 पर सड़क का निर्माण

*15. श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर : क्या परिवहन, विमान-चालन, नौवहन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि आंध्र प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजपथ संख्या 7 पर बनपर्ती से कुर्नूल तक एक नई सड़क बनाने का जो काम कुछ वर्ष पूर्व चालू किया गया था वह कब तक पूरा होने वाला है ?

†[CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY No. 7

*15. SHRIMATI SEETA YUDHVIR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state the time by when the work of construction of a new road from Vanparti to Kurnool on National Highway No. 7 in Andhra Pradesh which was started a few years back is expected to be completed ?

परिवहन, विमान-चालन, नौवहन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री एन० संजीव रेड्डी) : बनपर्ती से कुर्नूल की सड़क पेव्बेरु (95/4 मील) तक राज्य सड़क है और पेव्बेरु से कुर्नूल तक राष्ट्रीय मुख्य मार्ग है। जो भाग राष्ट्रीय मुख्य मार्ग है वह नयी सड़क है और इसकी सतह पानी कुटी सैंकेडम से तैयार की गयी है। इसमें और सुधार किया जा रहा है और आशा की जाती है कि मार्च 1968 तक संपूर्ण राष्ट्रीय मुख्य मार्ग तैयार हो जायेगा और उसकी सतहकाली कर दी जायेगी।

†[THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : Vanparti to Kurnool is a State road upto Pebberu (95/4 mile) and National Highway from Pebberu to Kurnool. The National Highway portion is a new road which has been completed to water-bound macadam surface.

†[] English translation.