

(c) whether he repeated this offer of resignation after the Western Railway accident near Ajmer ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Railway Minister felt that as Minister in-charge he should take full responsibility for the accident. He, therefore, requested the Prime Minister to relieve him of his portfolio

(c) No

#### PASSPORTS

\*60. DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rules for issuing passports have been framed; and

(b) if so, from which date the new rules have been introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new liberalized rules came into operation from June 23, 1966.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF FRIGATES (WARSHIPS)

36 SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the present target date for the construction of Warships (frigates) at Mazagon Docks;

(b) what special steps are proposed to be taken to speed up the work of construction very substantially so that all the planned warships are completed by 1970; and

(c) what exactly are the difficulties which, may come in the way of the above speeding up programme and in what manner they are proposed to be removed ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS) : (a) The present target dates for the completion of the three warships (frigates) in

Mazagon Dock Ltd are as follows :—

1st Frigate	End October 1971
2nd Frigate	End October 1972
3rd Frigate	End October 1973

(b) and (c) This is the first time that the construction of such an up-to-date and highly sophisticated warship is being undertaken in India. The above target dates have been fixed in consultation with our collaborators and are not merely in accordance with the technical aid agreement entered into with them but also with the capacity of the Yard that would be available after the completion of the expansion and modernisation programme undertaken for this project. The time programme for the construction of frigates in India is only slightly longer than the time taken for the construction of the similar ships even in U.K. and depends on the supply schedules of machinery, equipment and armament from abroad and within the country. Every effort will be made to adhere to the target dates. Hence, it is not possible to build three ships by 1970.

#### AID TO NEPAL

37 SHRI B. N. MANDAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total amount of aid proposed to be given to Nepal for her five year plan and the particulars of the projects for which aid would be given ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : As the Fourth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised, details of assistance to Nepal have not yet been determined.

The Government of India are committed to completing certain continuing projects taken up earlier. Their particulars and the estimated outlay on their completion during our Fourth Plan period are placed on the Table of the House (Statement I).

The Government of India are also committed to taking up, during this period, some other projects, the most important of which is the Eastern Sector of the East-West Highway at a cost of about Rs. 15 crores. Particulars of these projects are

also placed on the Table of the House. (Statement II).

## STATEMENT I

	(Rs. lakhs)
1. Sonauli Pokhara Road	778.2
2. Kosi Area Roads	53.3
3. Bagmati Bridge	15.5
4. Airports	11.0
5. Chatra Canals	316.0
6. Kathmandu Water Supply	8.0
7. Minor Irrigation and water Supply	25.0
8. Trisuli Hydel Project	680.0
9. Transmission Lines from Kosi Power House	9.2
10. Industrial Estate	10.0

NOTE : The figures have been computed at the pre-devaluation exchange rate.

## STATEMENT II

	(Rs. lakhs)
1. Eastern Sector of the East-West Highway.	1500.0
2. Kamala Barrage (in the Eastern Sector of the East-West Highway)	100.0
3. Kathmandu-Raxaul Trunk Telephone Line and Birganj Exchange	64.5
4. Five KW Kathmandu-Delhi Telephone Line	8.1
5. Foreign Post Office	6.3
6. Master Plan for Pokhara	1.5

NOTE : The figures have been calculated at the pre-devaluation exchange rate.

## EMERGENCY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

38. SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of officers were selected from 1962 to 1965 for Emergency Commission in the Army; and

(b) if so, whether all of these officers have been fully trained by now to reach the standards of the regular trained officers for the Permanent Commissions in the army.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Emergency Commissioned Officers have been trained to fill junior appointments to which they have been posted, compatible with the relaxed standards for selection and the period of pre-commissioned training. After completion of two years' service, Emergency Commissioned Officers who fulfil the prescribed conditions are eligible for consideration for grant of Permanent Commission to the extent vacancies are available.

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## INDO-AMERICAN NUCLEAR EXPERTS' CONFERENCE

41. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Conference of Indian and American Nuclear Experts was recently held at Simla; and

(b) if so, the conclusions reached at the Conference ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) A group of scholars from India and the U.S.A. met in New Delhi from the 3rd to 6th June under the auspices of the Nehru Foundation for Development and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, to exchange views on problems of economic growth, arms control and disarmament in their technical aspects, as well as to enable some of the US participants to meet their colleagues in universities and research institutes elsewhere in India;

(b) As this was not a Government sponsored conference, the conclusions reached therein are not of direct concern to Government.