

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: The total expenditure involved up to the end of 1956-59 is about Rs 58 lakhs. The maintenance charges and the restoration of damages are estimated to cost about Rs 8 lakhs per annum.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Has Sikkim contributed anything?

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether heavy vehicles are allowed on this road?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not think so, but I am not sure.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: What is his question? Shri Tantia may repeat it.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: I asked whether heavy vehicles will be allowed on this road.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Although the road has been completed, some odd bits of work still remain, not on the road itself, but railings etc., because it is a very dangerous road, and normally speaking no heavy vehicles will be allowed. They can, of course, go there. There is no particular point in going there because the road ends there. They cannot go any further.

Shri Kamal Singh: May I know if the maintenance cost of Rs 5 lakhs is going to be borne by the Government of India?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Yes, I suppose so.

Swedish Trade Delegation

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Shri Khimji:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Swedish Trade Delegation has expressed its willingness to import a variety of products from India;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of our Government; and

(c) the main products likely to be exported from India?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) to (c) The Swedish delegation explored the possibility of effecting larger imports into Sweden of items such as pharmaceuticals, toys, provisions, leather and textiles from India and Government extended necessary facilities to members of the delegation to establish contacts with export agencies and organisations in India.

Bandung Countries Economic and Co-operation Conference

*1742 **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Ceylon has invited officials of four Countries—India, Pakistan, Burma and Indonesia—to meet in May next to prepare for Bandung Countries Economic and Co-operation Conference?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): Yes. The Government of India have received a communication from the Government of Ceylon proposing a meeting of officials of the five Colombo countries in Ceylon on the 18th May to prepare for a later meeting of P.M.s of the Colombo countries who will finalise plans for Economic Conference of Bandung countries. The communication stated that invitations are also being extended to the Governments of Burma, Indonesia and Pakistan.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know when the meeting is scheduled?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It has already been stated—18th May.

Shri Kaaliwal: May I know whether any tentative agenda has been framed for this purpose?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: There is an agenda for the meeting.