

**Progress in work at National Highways No. 6 and 7**

7122. SHRI J. G. KADAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the scheme for widening and asphaltting National Highways No. 6 and 7;

(b) the progress made up to January, 1973 in kilometers and time for completion of above works; and

(c) the amount spent upto January, 1973?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) A statement showing schemes for widening and asphaltting National Highways Nos. 6 and 7 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4802/73].

(b) The extent to which the works have been sanctioned has been indicated in the statement *vide* (a) above. The sanctioned works are in various stages of progress, some of which have also been completed already. The information regarding the physical progress in case of sanctioned works and the time for completion of the scheme is being obtained from the various States concerned.

(c) The information regarding the amounts spent upto January, 1973 is also being collected from the States concerned and will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

**Incidence of Filaria**

7123. SHRI J. G. KADAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise incidence of 'Filaria'; and

(b) the precautionary and preventive measures taken by Government

to check, control and eradicate 'Filaria'?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KONDAJJI BASAPPA): (a) Filaria is not a notifiable disease. The exact State-wise incidence of the disease is, therefore, not known. However, it is estimated that about 8 million persons in India are with disease manifestations while another 12 million are positive for various stages of infection.

(b) National Filaria Control Programme has been made a Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the 4th Five Year Plan 100 per cent Central assistance is given to States for operational costs besides the free supply of material and equipment for anti-larvel operations. Detection and treatment of Filaria cases/carriers is also being undertaken in the Filaria endemic regions under 'Medical Care Programme'.

Short-term Training Courses are organised at the National Institute of Communicable Diseases to impart knowledge to Municipal Commissioners/Public Health Administrators about the genesis of mosquitoes, their role in transmitting the filarial infection and available methods to prevent/control of the disease.

Research is also being carried out by the National Institute of Communicable Diseases to find out new and more effective methods to control transmission of the disease. The stage has not yet been reached for devising methods for the eradication of the disease.

**Report from Vice-Chancellor, B.H.U. about latest Incidents**

7124. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has received any report from the Vice-