

An undated representation has been received in the Ministry on 12th April, 1985.

(b) The revenue authorities have been addressed by the State Chief Engineer to arrange eviction of the encroachments.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) There are a number of encroachments on the National Highways in Krishna District. The matter is being pursued with the revenue Development by the State Chief Engineer to arrange the eviction of all such encroachments.

**Maintenance of National Highway No. 5
between Bhubaneswar and Ichhapur**

3486. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway No. 5 from Bhubaneswar (Orissa) to Ichhapur (Andhra Pradesh) is not properly maintained;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the portion of National Highway during 1985-86; and

(d) the amount proposed to be spent for the proper maintenance of that National Highway during 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z R ANSARI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. This Section of the National Highway No. 5 has been maintained in a traffic worthy condition.

(c) and (d) A sum of Rs. 169.00 lakhs is earmarked for improvement works to be sanctioned during 1985-86, besides the allocation for routine maintenance.

**Rail Line from Bellampally/Ramagundam
Kagaznagar to Mangur**

3487. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Railway Board to lay Rail line from Bellampally or Ramagundam or Kagaznagar or Maochenial to Mangur to connect the coal belt/industrial belt via Parkal Mulu, Bhopalpally, Etunagaram in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the stage of implementation of the project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Number of Trains Cancelled on Northeast
Frontier Railway**

3488. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of trains has been cancelled on Northeast Frontier Railway after the shifting of Melda Station to Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the number of trains cancelled and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the existing trains ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is attached.

Statement

- (i) 77/78 Passenger between Bhagalpur Barharwa and Katihar.
- (ii) 347/348 Passenger between Howrah and Katihar.
- (iii) 59/60 Kamrup Express between Howrah and New Bongaigoan.
- (iv) 57/58 Kanchanjunga Express between Howrah and New Jalpaiguri.

- (v) 43/44 Darjeeling Mail between Sealdah and New Jalpaiguri.
- (vi) 155/156 Tinsukia Mail between New Delhi and Gauhati.
- (vii) 165/166 Janta Express between Howrah and New Bongaigaon.
- (viii) 53/54 Gaur Express between Sealdah and Malda Town.
- (ix) 901/902 Express between Gauhati and Trivendrum.
- (x) 69/70 Fast Passenger between Malda Town and Katihar.
- (xi) 47/48 Passenger between Malda Town and Katihar.
- (xii) 73/74 Passenger between Singhabad and Malda Town.
- (xiii) 75 Up Mixed/72 Dn. Passenger between Singhabad and Malda Town.

Survey Regarding Persons with Eye Defects in Rural Areas

389. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any survey regarding the number of persons suffering from eye defects particularly in rural areas ; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme implemented to prevent eye disease particularly in the rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) According to sample surveys conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research in 1972 at seven centres in the country both rural

and the estimated number of blind persons in the country is 9 million. Fresh sample surveys are under way.

(b) To prevent eye diseases in the country, the Government have launched National Programme for Control of Blindness. The programme envisages to provide comprehensive eye care services through Mobile Camp approach in rural areas. The programme also aims at establishment of permanent facilities for eye health care as an integral part of general health services at peripheral, intermediate and central level. Under the programme financial assistance is offered to voluntary organisations for performing intraocular operations by organising eye camps in rural areas.

A scheme to prevent blindness caused by vitamin 'A' deficiency in children through oral administration of vitamin 'A' is also being operated in all the States and Union Territories.

Per Capita Power Consumption in Tamil Nadu

3490. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the per capita power consumption in Tamilnadu is very low ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what is the present per capita power consumption in Tamilnadu vis-a-vis other States in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) The per capita power consumption in Tamil Nadu is above the national average. During 1983-84, the per capita consumption in Tamil Nadu was 173.71 units as compared to the national average of 155.94 units. Per capita consumption of various States in 1983-84 is given in the attached Statement.