

(a) whether Shillong Badarpur National Highway is in a bad state and that motoring over it has become an extremely dicey affairs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the State Government Meghalaya have represented that the maintenance and improvement of this Highway should be handed over to them; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government there to ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) and (b) The National Highway No. 44 from Shillong to Badarpur is in traffic worthy condition. It is being further widened and strengthened keeping in view the growth of traffic.

(c) and (d) The Shillong to Jowai section is being maintained by the State Government. For the transfer of remaining length from the Border Road Development Board, the State Government has been approaching the Government of India. But it has not been possible to concede to their request of operational reasons.

Non-Availability of Tagore's Geetanjali

1323. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSHI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state ;

(a) whether English and Hindi version of Tagore's Geetanjali is not available in the market?

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) steps Government propose to take to make available the translated version in India and abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) It is not a fact that English and Hindi versions of Tagore's Geetanjali are not available in the market. The English version of Geetanjali has been published by M/s. MACMILLAN INDIA LIM-

TED and copies are available for sale in the market. Hindi translation of this book has been published by M/S. SUBHODH PUBLICATIONS 2/3-B Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, New Delhi and copies of the Hindi version are also freely available.

(c) Indian books are made available abroad through normal trade channels. To publicise Indian books, India participates in important International Book Fairs abroad,

Collision of Goods Trains at Basal Station of Central Railway

1324. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item 'Goods Trains Collide' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 5 March, 1985 wherein it has been stated that thirteen wagons of a goods train were derailed when it rammed into a stationary goods train at Basai Station on the Bina-Jhansi Sector of the Central Railway on 4 March, 1985;

(b) if so, the causes of the accident;

(c) estimated loss of property; and

(d) whether any inquiry has since been conducted and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Goods train 1NJ side collided with Jumbo Goods train starting from Basai station:

(b) and (d) A departmental committee has inquired into this accident which has not yet finalised its report. Prima facie, the accident occurred due to disregard of signals by the Driver of 1NJ Goods train.

(c) Cost of damage to Railway Property has been assessed at Rs. 5,35,000/- approximately.