

[English]

RELIGIOUS SHRINES

7731. **Shri Syed Shahabuddin** : Will the **Minister of Human Resource Development** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the **Shahi Idgah** at Mathura and **Gyan Vapi Masjid** at Varanasi are Protected Monuments under the **Archaeological Survey of India**.

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on their maintenance and upkeep by the **Archaeological Survey of India** during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the **ASI** has noted threats by some organisations to destroy these religious shrines.

(d) if so, whether the Government have taken necessary steps for their protection against mob violence;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether congregational namaz is being performed in these two places of worship at present?

The **Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education and Department of Culture) (Kumari Selja)** : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Since the monuments are not protected by **Archaeological Survey of India**, no action can be taken by **Archaeological Survey of India**.

(d) and (e) No, Sir The question does not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

ROAD OVER BRIDGES

7732. **Shri D. Venkateswara Rao** Will the **Minister of Railways** be pleased to state .

(a) whether **Andhra Pradesh Government** has submitted a proposal for construction of **Road Over-Bridges** on intermediate **Ring Road** around twin cities of **Hyderabad** and **Secunderabad**;

(b) if so, whether instructions to be given to **Railway authorities** at **Secunderabad** to take up the above **Road Over-bridges** through private agencies;

(c) if so, whether action in this regard is pending; and

(d) if so, the time by which decision is likely to be taken?

Minister of Railways (Shri C. K. Jaffer Sharief) : (a) to (d) Construction of a road overbridge in replacement of level crossing No 252 near **Ramakrishnapuram Gate**, sponsored by the **Andhra Pradesh State Govt.**, has been included in the **Railway's Works Programme, 1995-96**.

No other proposal for construction of **Road over bridge** on intermediate **ring road** has been received from **Andhra Pradesh Government**.

However, **Andhra Pradesh Government** propose to take up the work of construction of **Road over bridge** at **Hafeezpet** and **Bolaram** under **Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT)** concept. The concept of construction of **Road over bridges** under **B.O.T.** has already been approved by **Railways**

NATIONAL CONSUMER CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION

7733. **Shri Bhubaneshwar Prasad Mehta** : Will the **Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the **CBI** in the recent past registered criminal cases against several officers of **NCCF, Kanpur** for blackmarketing of highly subsidised **Handloom Products**;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor, and

(c) the action taken by the Government against the concerned officers?

The **Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (Shri Buta Singh)** : (a) to (c) **CBI** had registered a **FIR** on 24 12 93 against 18 persons for investigation as a regular case on alleged irregularities on disposal of **Janta handloom textiles** at the **Kanpur branch of NCCF** during the period 1988-90. The matter was investigated by the **Vigilance Cell of NCCF** and the **Competent Authority in NCCF** after considering the report of **Vigilance Cell** did not find any **malafide intention** on the part of the concerned officials of **NCCF** and decided to close the matter. But the **Ministry** called for all the relevant documents and after examining the investigation report decided to hand over the case to **CBI**

ANDHRA NATYAM DANCE

7734. **Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao Vadde** : Will the **Minister of Human Resource Development** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to encourage "**Andhra Natyam**" a famous **Andhra Dance**; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

The **Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education and Department of Culture) (Kumari Selja)** : (a) and (b) The **Sangeet Natak Akademi** has taken several steps to encourage classical dance traditions of **Andhra** which also includes **Andhra Natyam**. Performances and demonstrations of several artistes have been presented in the **Akademi festivals** as well as recorded for the archives of the **Akademi**. Financial assistance has also been provided for **Seminars**.