

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) Yes.

(b) One. The Second General Cargo Berth which is already under construction.

Corruption in Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi

2803. DR. SARADISH ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Health has received a memorandum dated 26th November, 1979 signed by leading Professors, Lecturers, Readers etc. containing allegations of maladministration, understaffing, financial irregularities and inadequate facilities and amenities to staff of Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute is an autonomous body, maintained by the University of Delhi. The Governing Body of this Institute has constituted a Committee to enquire into the allegations made by certain members of the academic staff of the Institute. Suitable remedial action shall be initiated on receipt of the report of the committee.

Development of Railway lines in Kerala

2804. SHRIMATI SUSHEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps so far taken to start and complete the following railway lines in Kerala;

(i) Ernakulam-Alleppey Coastal railway line with links to Kayamkulam, Ernakulam-Iidukki Madurai;

(ii) Trichur-Guruvayur-Kuttipuram, Tellichery-Mysore and

(iii) Managalapuram-Bombay (Konkan line)?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (i) Final Location Survey for Ernakulam-Alleppey BG line is in progress. Extension of the line upto Kayamkulam will be taken up at the appropriate time, after this line is completed, depending upon the growth of traffic, availability of funds and clearance by the Planning Commission.

Ernakulam-Idduki-Madurai—No such proposal is under consideration.

(ii) Updating of the earlier survey for Trichur-Guruvayur-Kuttipuram line has been included in the budget 1980-81. Further action will be taken after the survey has been completed and the survey report examined. Tellichery-Mysore—No proposal is under consideration.

(iii) A beginning has been made on the construction of the Konkan Railway by commencing the work on the first 62 kms. from Apta to Roha. The extension of the line upto Dasgaon is under examination in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Setting up of Industrial Training Centres at District level

2805. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Industrial Training Centres at District level; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) and (b). Training at Craftsmen level is imparted in 53 trades in the Industrial Training Institutes/Centres which have been set up by the State Governments generally at the

District level. There are at present 740 Industrial Training Institutes working in the country. New Industrial Training Institutes are set up by the State Governments in accordance with the local needs. The Government of India, in consultation with the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades, lays down the policy of training, norms for standards etc., and accords affiliation to the Institutes/Centres set up by the State Governments, besides holding their examinations to ensure uniformity of standards.

Replacement of Iron Ore Handling Plant in Paradeep Port

2806. SHRI KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme to replace the obsolete and worn out equipment of Iron Ore handling plant in Paradeep during 1980-81; and

(b) if so, which of the equipments are proposed to be replaced and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). Necessary improvements and modifications to the Ore Handling Plant at Paradeep Port have already been taken up at a total cost of Rs 808.00 lakhs. These improvements mainly cover installation of dumper, construction of structure for housing the wagon dumper, laying of railway line installation of conveyor system, electrical equipment and cables. Modifications relate to the stackyard, provision of rail mounted reclaimers, modifications to transfer points, provision of some basic machinery like fluid couplings and ancillary equipment. The scheme is expected to be completed by the end of 1981. A provision of Rs. 200.00 lakhs has been included in the 1980-81 Plan for this scheme.

Development of Coastal Road

2807. SHRI A. A. RAHEIM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to have more coastal roads for facilitating easy transport for movement of goods and for other developmental purposes;

(b) the proposals for developing coastal roads in Kerala in view of the long coast which is fast developing in fishing, coir and other industries; and

(c) the amount set apart for the purpose for Kerala region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) to (c). Constitutionally, Central Government are responsible for roads declared as National Highways. Starting from Kandla on N.H. No. 8-A and Porbandar in N.H. No. 8-B in Gujarat, the country is provided upto Bangladesh border with a National Highway network connecting major ports, large industrial or tourist centres on the coast, parallel to or in close proximity to the coast by National Highways Nos. 8, 17, 17-A, 47, 77-A, 49, 45, 5, 5-A, 6 and 35. Since development is a continuing process, improvement in particular sections are taken up on the basis of known deficiencies and actual traffic requirements subject to availability of funds

National Highway No. 17 and 47 fall along the Kerala coast. On 31st March 1978, Rs. 1095 lakhs worth of road works in hand needed to be completed. Besides providing fully for carry-over works, new road and bridge works costing Rs. 1448 lakhs are included in 1978-83 National Highway Works programme for Kerala. Apart from National Highways funds, Central financial assistance amounting to about Rs. 23 crores (including Rs. 3.74 crores to Kerala) was provided for the development of the West Coast Road starting from Panvel in Maharashtra