

(d) the details of programme proposed/approved for 1978-79; and

(e) whether taking into account the strain of traffic, heavy rainfall and special repairs on the National Highways in Maharashtra, more amount is required than allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a), (d) and (e). During the financial year 1977-78 Maharashtra were allotted a sum of Rs. 7.25 crores for improvement of National Highways, which are 9 in number and about 2861 Km. in length, against a sum of Rs. 7.60 crores allotted in the financial year 1976-77. The allotments have been against about 615 improvement works estimated at Rs. 56.63 crores sanctioned from April, 1969. The improvement works include new bridges across the Kalwa and Kashiell Creeks and across the rivers Girna at Malegaon, Girna at Jalgaon and Panchganga at Kolhapur and byepasses at Thana-cum-Bhiwandi, Igatpuri, Malegaon, Chowk, Kamshet, Vadagaon, Satara, Karad, Kolhapur and Jalgaon. Many of the improvement works are complete and the remaining are likely to be completed, funds permitting, by December, 1980. The sanctioned estimates are based on the design and specifications which take into account the effect of soil, terrain, rainfall, traffic etc. as obtaining at the site. The allotments in turn are based, among others, on the sanctioned costs.

(b) and (c). Allocations for development of National Highways being not even adequate for 'on going' works, it has not been possible to accept Maharashtra's proposal to declare 12 roads totalling to 3561 kms. and involving an investment, at 1972 prices, of about Rs. 45 crores, as national highways. As it is from April 1972 no road has been taken over as a national highway excepting for 100 Km. Batote-Kishtwar Road of Jammu and Kashmir taken over in May 1977.

Proposals regarding Road Bridges in Maharashtra

7489. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have sent some proposals for approval of the Central Government for construction of road bridges;

(b) if so, the names of the project proposed and the assistance sought/ approved for 1977-78 and 1978-79; and

(c) the physical and financial progress of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) to (c). Presumably, the member wants information about financial assistance sought by Maharashtra Government under the Central Aid Programme of State Roads of inter-State or Economic Importance. While no proposals for any new schemes have been received from them recently, a sum of Rs. 25.01 lakhs was released in 1977-78 for meeting expenditure on certain works approved in the 4th and 5th Plans for Maharashtra which included *inter alia*, the following bridges:

(1) Bridge across Reva Danger Creek on Alibag-Retadanda-Salar Murand Road, Distt. Colaba.

(2) Bridge across Savitri river at Mhepral on the Manhangad-Mhapral-Amet-Kuda road.

These works are in various stages of progress. The State Government have not sent their demands for 1978-79 so far.

Installation of Studio, and High powered Transmitter at Cuddapah

7490. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAI-DU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether there are no studios and high power transmitter at Cuddapah; and

(b) if so, whether Government are allotting money for constructing studios and to instal high power transmitter in that station?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The A.I.R. Centre at Cuddapah has limited studio facilities and is originating daily programmes of about 3-3/4 hours duration. Its transmitter is of medium power of 20 K.W.

(b) A proposal to construct permanent studios at Cuddapah has been included in the Rolling Plan, 1978-83. The implementation of the scheme will, however, depend upon availability of financial allocation and relative priorities. There is no proposal at present to instal a high power transmitter at that station.

Trade Groups in Defence Services

7491. SHRI BAIRAGI JENA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any trade groups in the Defence services whose pay has not yet been fixed; and

(b) if so, action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b). As far as Government is aware, there are no such trade groups in the armed forces personnel, whose pay has not as yet been fixed. As regards civilians in the defence establishments, this information is being collected.

सिधी कार्यक्रमों के समय में परिवर्तन

7492. श्री धर्मसिंह भाई पटेल : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सिधी कार्यक्रमों के समय में परिवर्तन करने के लिये 20 फरवरी, 1978 को ग्रहमदाबाद रेडियो स्टेशन के सिधी डिबीजन को तथा उनके संचालन को एक ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुआ था और यदि हा, तो ज्ञापन में की गई मांगों का स्वरूप क्या है ; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस बारे में क्या कार्रवाई करने का विचार है और उक्त मांगों को पूरा करने में सरकार के सामने क्या कठिनाइयां आ रही है।

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवाणी) : (क) जी, हां। मांगें ये थी (1) सिधी कार्यक्रम के दैनिक प्रसारण का समय शाम 6.10-6.40 बजे से बदल कर शाम 6.30-7.10 बजे करना और (2) हर सोमवार, को रात्रि 10.00 बजे, से रात्रि 10.30 बजे तक प्रसारित होने वाला साप्ताहिक सिधी कार्यक्रम प्रति दिन प्रसारित करना।

(ख) (1) इन मांगों को इस बात को देखते हुए स्वीकार करना संभव नहीं है कि ग्रहमदाबाद केन्द्र श्रौद्योगिक केन्द्र होने के कारण हर शाम को 6.40 बजे से 7.10 बजे तक एक श्रौद्योगिक कार्यक्रम प्रसारित करता है। इसके अलावा दिल्ली से प्रसारित होने वाले सिधी समाचार शाम, 6.15 बजे से शाम 6.25 बजे तक रिले किये जाते हैं और समय में कोई भी परिवर्तन निरन्तरता में बाधक होगा।

(2) क्योंकि अखिल भारतीय कार्यक्रम अर्थात् संगीत, नाटक और रपक के अखिल भारतीय कार्यक्रम तथा प्राथमिक संगीत,