

Machines not installed at South Eastern Railway Press at Kharagpur

4576. SHRI NARAIN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some machines in South-Eastern Railway Press, Kharagpur have not been installed for a number of years;

(b) if so, what is the number thereof; and

(c) when were these machines brought and what were the prices paid therefor piece by piece?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Survey regarding pressure on National Highways

4577. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey about increasing pressure of road transport of National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

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

(a) and (b). In so far as National Highways are concerned, traffic census is being carried out twice a year and the data so collected are being utilised for planning purposes. In addition some continuous traffic count studies and axle weight studies are in progress.

Prem Chand Centenary in London

4578. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prem Chand centenary will be celebrated in London with

active assistance and cooperation of the Indian High Commission;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether any publication is proposed to be brought out on this occasion;

(d) whether similar celebrations are proposed to be organised in all leading capitals of the world; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c). Yes Sir, A High Power Committee consisting of British and Indian academicians, interested in oriental studies and journalists has been formed to observe Prem Chand Centenary on July 31, 1980, at India House, London. Eminent scholars will deliver lectures and pay tributes to Shri Prem Chand. The function will conclude with a reception to be given by the Acting High Commissioner of India. The weekly News Bulletin of our High Commission has already published articles on Prem Chand and the July 24 issue of this weekly will be devoted to Prem Chand.

(d) and (e). Preparations for the Prem Chand Centenary celebrations are being made on a large scale in Mauritius and information in this regard from other places like Fiji and the Caribbean is still awaited.

Steps for Eradication of Leprosy

4579. SHRI HARI NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed steps for the prevention and eradication of leprosy that are being taken State-wise, and the number of people being served in this way;

(b) what amount has been spent during the last three years, state-wise on the measures referred to in part (a) above; and