

(c) and (d) It is for the State Government to examine the feasibility of the scheme. They have indicated that field investigation is in progress.

Second Rajasthan Conference on T.B. & Chest Diseases

765. DR. SARADISH ROY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the revelation made by medical specialists at the second Rajasthan Conference on T.B. and Chest diseases held on 10th and 11th October, 1981 that every minute, one Indian dies of tuberculosis (T.B.) taking the toll of over five lakh persons in a year; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) and (b). Tuberculosis and Chest Workers Conference held at Sekar (Rajasthan) have emphasised the seriousness of the disease. No survey has been made to confirm the death toll as stated in the Conference. Government is, however, aware about the problem of tuberculosis in the country, and with a view to combat the disease, the Government have launched National Tuberculosis Control Programme.

Howrah-Sheakhala Project

766. SHRI AJIT BAG : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Minister of Railways have been regularly

announcing their assurance through the Press that the Howrah-Sheakhala project is underway;

(b) if so, whether the Minister is aware that the allotted Rs. 10 lakhs have been transferred to other project as per Railway Board's Order dated 19th December, 1980; and

(c) if so, how is claiming that the project is underway?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Construction of a B.G. line in the area served by the former Howrah-Sheakhala light Railway was included in the Budget for 1973-74. Work on this project could not be started so far due to constraint of resources.

(b) Yes.

(c) There has been severe constraint on the availability of funds for various Railway Projects, and this position has been continuing for some time now. Since Howrah-Amta line project has made some progress, it was decided to continue to allocate available funds to this project and take up Howrah-Sheakhala line only after the Howrah-Amta and Santragachi-Bargachia lines have been completed.

Fly-over on National Highway No. 34

767. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Railway Ministry regarding the proposed fly-over on National