

Rural Engineering Survey in Madhya Pradesh

3062. SHRI BHOLA MANJHI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rural Engineering Survey has conducted surveys in some Districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the names of the Districts and the results of the surveys ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). The Government of Madhya Pradesh have sanctioned the scheme for Rural Engineering Surveys in March, 1972. The Survey are proposed to be conducted in the district of Betul. The expenditure on the scheme will be met from cent per cent assistance from the Central Government. A grant-in-aid of Rs. 6,19,000 has already been sanctioned for the years 1971-72 and 1972-73.

The Agricultural Graduates have already been trained for conducting surveys. The Engineering Graduates are under training at Betul and the training is likely to be over shortly.

The surveys will be taken up as soon as the training of Engineering Graduates is completed.

Restoration of Railway Connection between Sahebpur Kamal Jn. and Monghyr Ghat (North Eastern Railway)

3063. SHRI BHOLA MANJHI :
SHRI SHIV SHANKER PRASAD YADAV :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the great inconvenience caused to the people due to non-restoration of the Four mile railway connection between Sahebpur Kamal Junction and Monghyr Ghat in the North Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to restore the connection at an early date ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) Yes.

(b) The question of restoration of railway line between Sahebpur Kamal Junction and Monghyr Ghat is under examination.

Demand for Indian Sun-glasses in Sudan, Mauritius and Nigeria

3065. SHRI DHARMRAO AFZAL-PURKAR : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a good demand for Indian Sun-glasses in Sudan, Mauritius and Nigeria; and

(b) the names of other countries which are importing Indian Sun-glasses and the amount of foreign exchange earned annually from these countries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No exports of Sun-glasses to other countries have so far taken place and consequently no foreign exchange earned.

Scope of Expanding Trade with Nepal, Afghanistan, Ceylon and South East Asian countries

3066. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is considerable scope for expanding commercial and economic links with Nepal, Afghanistan, Ceylon and other South East Asian countries; and

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to expand trade and economic relations with these countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have taken a number of steps to expand trade and economic relations with the South East Asian countries. Some of the important steps are given below :

(i) Trade Agreement/Trade Agreements have been concluded with a number of countries.

(ii) Joint Commissions/Joint Committees have been set up in respect of some of the countries to strengthen trade and economic relations. Promising areas for expansion of mutual trade and industrial collaboration are identified at the joint meetings of these bodies.