

**West Coast Road**

74. { **Shri Pottekkatt:**  
 { **Shri A. V. Raghavan:**

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in forming the bye-pass road at Tellicherry, Mahe and Badagara on the West Coast Road;

(b) the estimated cost of land acquisition and whether the same has been completed;

(c) the amount so far paid; and

(d) when the work will be completed?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin):**

(a) No substantial progress in forming the bye-pass roads at Tellicherry, Mahe and Badagara has been achieved due to limited funds. The present position of these bye-passes is as follows:—

**Tellicherry Bye-pass:** Due to certain representations from the local people, the alignment of the bye-pass could not be finalised for a long time. The alignment has since been fixed. An estimate for land acquisition has just been received from the State-Government and is under examination of the Government of India.

**Badagara Bye-pass:** The alignment was fixed in December 1960. Due to representations from the local people, the land width had to be reduced from 150 ft. to 100 ft. with some minor changes in the alignment. The land acquisition has been started.

**Mahe Bye-pass:** This is not in the programme.

(b) The estimated cost of land acquisition is as follows:

**Tellicherry Bye-pass—Rs. 35,65,700**

**Badagara Bye-pass—Rs. 7,56,900**

**Mahe Bye-pass—Not in the programme.**

The land acquisition has not been completed as explained in part (a) of the answer.

(c) A compensation of Rs. 91,885.64 has been paid in the case of the Badagara bye-pass. No compensation has been paid in respect of the other bye-pass.

(d) Depending on the availability of funds, the Tellicherry and Badagara bye-passes will be completed during the 4th Plan period.

**Air Facilities to Tourist Centres**

76. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to offer greater air facilities to some of the tourist centres;

(b) if so, the broad features of the proposal; and

(c) the estimated expenditure on the above project?

**The Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). Government have decided to set up a Civil Aviation Development Fund from which subventions could be paid to the Indian Airlines Corporation for operating services which Government consider necessary in the interest of tourist promotion, which may not be justified on purely commercial considerations.

(c) It is too early to forecast any estimate.

**Shortage of Gur**

77. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been an acute shortage of gur in the country during the last 6 months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of fluctuations in the price of gur during the last six months and the reasons therefor?