

development of Assamese language only but not for the Bengali language also ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) : (a) to (c). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Sunderban as Tourist Centre

4048. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to develop the Sunderban area as tourist centre;

(b) if so, when they propose to develop it and the estimated cost thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Tentatively, the Government of West Bengal have provided a sum of Rs. 6. 50 lakhs for the development of Sunderbans as a tourist centre.

(c) Does not arise.

Rail-Cum-Road Bridge Over Ganga Near Patna

4049. SHRI VALMIKI CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision has been taken about the construction of the proposed rail-cum-road bridge over Ganga near Patna and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the estimated cost of the scheme;

(c) which agency/authority is being entrusted to carry out the construction work; and

(d) the time by which the work is likely to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) to (d). There is no proposal for the construction of a rail-cum-road bridge over Ganga at Patna. A proposal for building a road bridge is, however, under the consideration of the Government of Bihar who have indicated its rough cost as Rs. 25 crores. The State Government would be mainly concerned with the construction of this bridge as and when it is taken in hand as it falls on a State road. The date of completion can be indicated only after the project has been finalised and the work awarded for execution.

Allotment of funds for renovation and remodelling of Calcutta Port

4050. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any funds for the renovation and remodelling of the Calcutta Port; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The renovation and remodelling of Calcutta Port is a continuous process and is being implemented by the Calcutta Port Commissioners under successive Five Year Plans from their own resources supplemented by loans from the Central Government. At present the programme covers replacement of port equipment and floating craft and the construction of an auxiliary dock system at Haldia comprising six berths and an oil jetty.

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4051. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :