

- (iv) Assisting the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in identifying suitable sites for locating recharge structures.

(c) and (d). The State Government of Madhya Pradesh had sent a proposal in 1994 for financial assistance for ground water recharge projects in the State. After examination of the proposal, the State Government was informed in October, 1994 that some of the projects proposed by them could be considered for inclusion in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme formulated by the Central Ground Water Board which is at present at consultation stage.

Bridge on Ganga in Varanasi

3412. SHRI RAM SAGAR :
SHRI CHHATRAPAL SINGH :
SHRI MANOJ KUMAR SINHA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

- (a) when the construction work on G.T. Road by pass from Mohan Sarai to Mughal Sarai and bridge on river Ganga in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh was started;
- (b) the estimated cost of the said project along with the details of expenditure incurred thereon till date;
- (c) the details of progress made in construction work; and
- (d) the date fixed for the completion of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The work was started in October, 1987.

(b) Original sanctioned cost of this project was Rs. 49.92 crores. The revised cost of the project (Roads and Bridges) is Rs. 122.59 crores. The up-to-date expenditure incurred on this project is Rs. 90.61 crores.

(c) Progress of the Project is as under :

(1) Bypass (Road works)	-	42%
(2) Ganga Bridge	-	93%
(3) 2 ROB's	-	80% & 60%

(d) Tentative target date for the completion of the project is December, 1997.

[English]

Science City

3413. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether inauguration of first phase of the Science City is likely to take place on December 31, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof with capacity of accommodation to be covered under this phase;

(c) whether the Government propose to inaugurate the second phase of said city somewhere in first quarter of 1997;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up such Science city in Mizoram for convenience of North-Eastern States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b). The Convention Centre of the Science City will be inaugurated on December 21, 1996, having a capacity of 2200. The Convention Centre has also a mini auditorium of 400 capacity, 8 seminar halls of capacity varying from 50 to 100 each, a special exhibition hall displaying computerised robotic dinosaurs developed by National Council of Science Museums and a large cafeteria.

(c) The remaining wings of the Science City which include Space Theatre, Space Flight Simulator and about 1000 indoor and outdoor exhibits of science, technology, environment and ecology will be inaugurated in March, 1997.

(d) and (e). In terms of the extant policy of the National Council of Science Museums, the Science Centre could be set up provided the concerned State Government approaches and provides a developed site and agree to share the 50% of the cost of project. However a Science Centre in the North-East region at Guwahati is functioning from 1994.

[Translation]

Acquisition of Land by Defence Forces in Bikaner District

3414. SHR MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had acquired all the land of nearly 34 villages in Lunkaran Tehsil in Bikaner district for Mahajan field Firing Range in the year 1985-86;

(b) if so, whether less compensation was paid to the concerned persons and if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the outstanding compensation is proposed to be paid;

(c) whether thousands of cases have been pending in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bikaner for a long time;

(d) if so, the action being taken for early decision of the cases; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for the rehabilitation of the families displaced due to the said Range?