

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Of the 1614 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who were lodge in the Malkangiri camps in District Koraput in Orissa, 98 refugees have left the camps. The main reasons for desertion by the refugees are high temperatures prevailing in the area, lack of Tamil speaking people in the area leading to a sense of isolation among the refugees and desire to meet their relatives and friends, who had arrived separately and are residing the Tamil Nadu.

(c) At present there are 629 refugees left in the camps. The Government of Orissa has been asked to prepare proposals for upgradation of facilities in the camps.

World Bank Aided National Highway Project in West Bengal

10308. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank aided National Highway project in West Bengal did not make progress;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken to ensure early completion of the projects; and

(d) the commitment charge which the country is paying to the World Bank annually for cash provided by the latter?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI SHNAN): (a) and (b). The progress on all the contract packages of Durgapur Expressway from Dankuni to Palsit is slow due to unsatisfactory performance of the contractors.

(c) The contracts for three out of the total six packages have been terminated and fresh tenders invited. For remaining packages, the progress is being continuously reviewed at appropriate levels to improve the situation.

(d). Commitment charges paid to the World Bank from 1986-87 to 1989-90 for all the National Highway projects under the loan including Durgapur Expressway are as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount (In Rs.)</i>
1986-87	2,23,82,171.62
1987-88	1,88,33,898.91
1988-89	1,86,75,146.00
1989-90	1,45,45,427.00
Total	7,44,36,643.53

Facilities Provided by I.C.C.R. to Foreign Students in India

10309. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities being provided to the foreign students studying in India by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations;

(b) the reasons for discontinuing the publication of "ICCR New Letter" meant for foreign students;

(c) whether the students have made any complaints against functioning of the Students Wing of the Council; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The facili-