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Work on Bareilly-Gauhati Lateral Road

10032. SHRI R. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on the Bareilly-Gauhati lateral road has been slowed down for over a year due to shortage of funds ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the original estimate for this road has been pruned ; and

(c) if so, whether the pruning has not affected the quality of this vital border road ?

THE DEPUTY-MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). The work slowed down after August 1966. It is now however, progressing according to revised programme and target, based on curtailed specifications and reduced scope of work. The road when constructed to these reduced specifications, will be adequately serviceable for traffic but the higher standards and specifications originally envisaged, will not be attained.

Production of Books in Regional Languages at University level

10033. SHRI R. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up a scheme for the production of books at the University level in the regional languages ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Centrally Scheme of book production in regional languages at Univer-

sity level, the Government of India would provide assistance to the maximum of Rs. 1 crore to each State Government over a period of six years commencing from 1968-69. During the first year, this assistance was to be on a sharing basis of 75% by the Centre and 25% by the State Government concerned on the expenditure incurred. In subsequent years, the Centre will assist on 100% basis in consequence of the recommendation of the National Development Council that all Centrally Sponsored Scheme from 1969-70 will be on a 100% basis. For the preparation of State schemes of book production under this programme, the Ministry has drawn up a guideline and circulated it to the State Governments requiring them to set up a suitable machinery for the purpose, associating the Vice-Chancellors of Universities situated in their States and to prepare an outline of their schemes indicating their organisational set-up, the projects undertaken and the manner of their execution. Grants are released to the State Governments only after the schemes of book production have been approved by the Ministry.

Correction of Answer to Unstarred Question No. 644 dated 21-2-1962 regarding Air-India entering Hotel Industry.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

Sir, on 21st February, 1969, in reply to part (a) to (c) of unstarred Question No. 644 by Shri George Fernandes and other regarding Air-India entering the hotel industry, I stated that "Air-India have proposals to construct a hotel at the Santa Cruz Airport at a cost of Rs. 3 crores, and another at Juhu Beach in Bombay, at a cost of Rs. 1 crore." The factual position is that the proposed hotel and Santa Cruz Airport likely to cost Rs 1 crore and that at Juhu Beach, Rs. 3 crores.

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