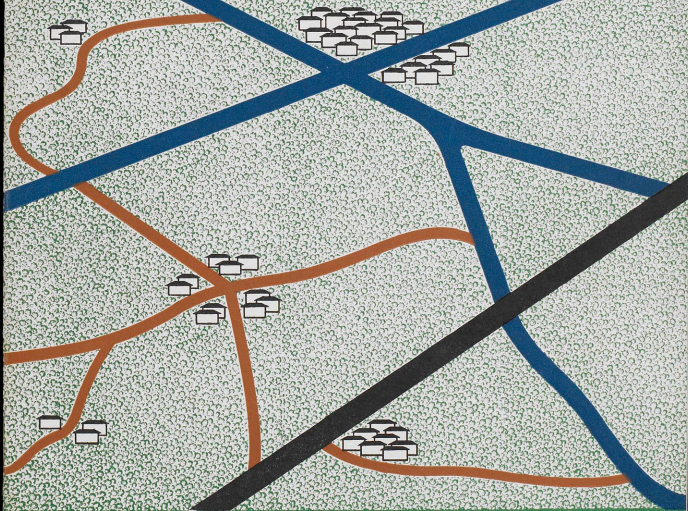


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ROADS



in the Western Region



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Footpaths have been cut by the people – and their walking has made them smooth.



Roads cannot be made that way. Who makes them?

Does the Federal Government look after all the roads,
just as it looks after the Railways?



No. There are many kinds of roads and they come under
different authorities.

Only some of the roads in the Western Region are federal.
Many more are regional or local.



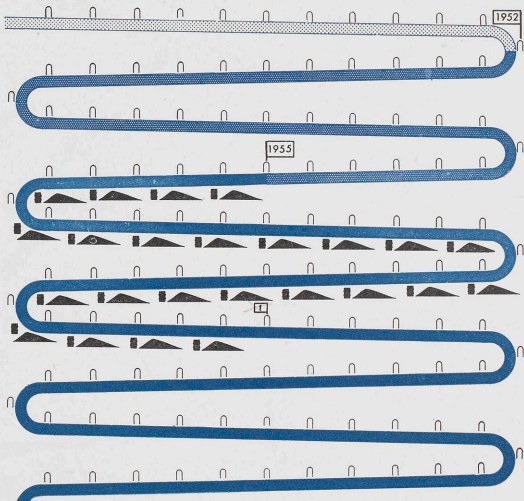
The regional roads link the important towns, markets,
ports and centres of administration.

The Public Works Department of the Western Region looks after most of the roads in the Region.



It does all the work on federal and regional roads and supervises the work on the more important local roads.

PWD has a big tarring programme. Of the total mileage of regional roads, only one-tenth was tarred before 1952 – 120 miles. Since then almost 300 miles have been added.



An even bigger programme of tarring has been planned by PWD and will be continued.

The more a road is used the more it will be affected by heavy traffic.



If there is a soft surface, a lot of maintenance work will have to be done, otherwise the road will soon become dangerous to use.

That is why PWD has a big tarring programme. Tar makes the surface harder and rain-resistant.



The surface has to be repaired too. The cost is worth it.

Good roads serve the whole population: everyone who wants to sell his produce,



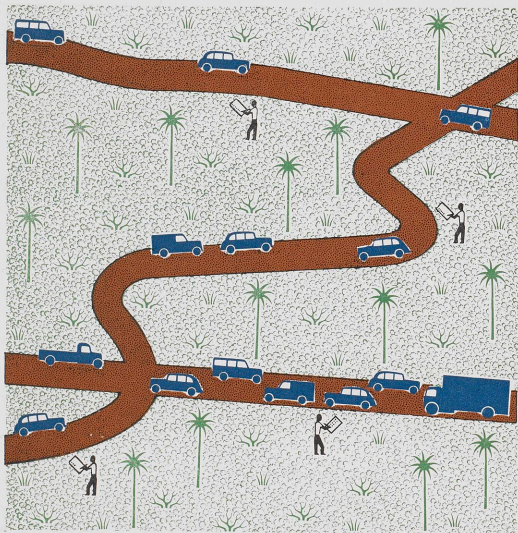
Everyone who wants to buy clothes, petrol or other things which have to be carried,

everyone who wants to export or import.



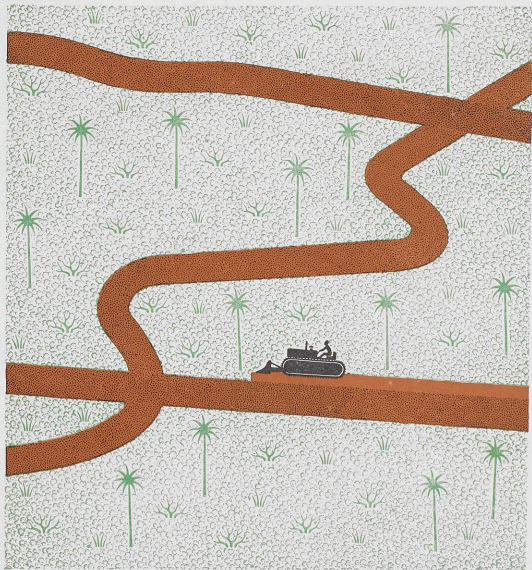
everyone who wants to travel.

PWD takes a traffic census to find out which roads are overcrowded.



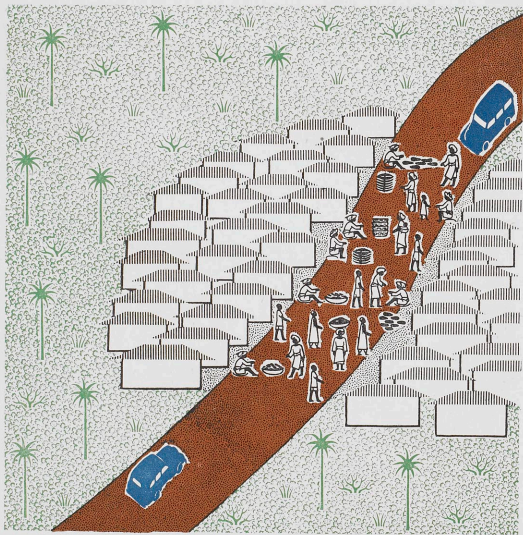
On a special day several persons count the number of cars that pass certain points.

Then it may be decided that some roads should be wider to carry more traffic.



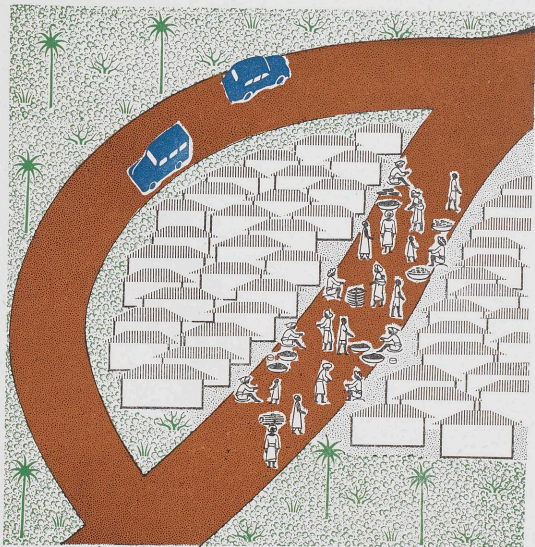
Sometimes a new road may be suggested in addition.

Where a road enters a town, its traffic will interfere with the town life.



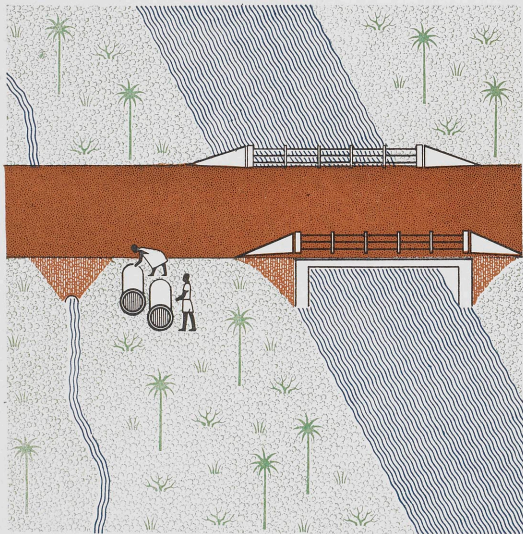
It will be dangerous to both the people in the town and the cars that pass through.

The traffic can be faster and safer if it can avoid the busy centre of the town.



That is why by-pass roads are built. Town life will be undisturbed too.

Roads have to cross rivers and swamps and have to be protected from rain erosion.



PWD lays culverts and builds bridges or renews and widens them.

It has to give specially strong foundations to the roads which have to cross swamps.



Many more technical difficulties have to be solved and new ways found to improve roads.

PWD also puts up road signs so that every driver is warned of dangers ahead.



In this, as in many other ways, **PWD** gives public service.

