

[*English*]**Rail Link With Malajkhand**

\*317. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to survey for a railway line connecting Malajkhand in Balaghat district with the district of Raj-Nandgaon;

(b) if so, when the work will start; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In view of severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments in hand, it is not possible to consider this proposal for the present.

[*Translation*]**Primary and Secondary Level Schools In Adivasi Areas in Sixth Plan**

\*318. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the expansion targets of primary and secondary level schools in adivasi areas under the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the targets have been achieved by all the States and Union Territories; and

(c) if not, the States where the progress has not been achieved according to targets?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) to (c). The Sixth Plan document does not mention any specific expansion targets for primary

and secondary schools in adivasi areas. In the context of universalization of elementary education, however, total targets for enrolment in the group 6-14 have been quantified for each State. Special emphasis has been laid under the Plan on enrolment of children from socially-dis-advantaged groups like Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and girls, even though separate enrolment targets for these categories have not been prescribed.

[*English*]**Setting up of a Permanent Women's Commission at National Level**

\*319. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that 1985 is the concluding year of the Women's Decade, Government have any plan to make a concrete assessment of the economic, social and political condition of the women of our country obtaining in the beginning and the end of the decade;

(b) if so, the steps contemplated this regard; and

(c) whether Government are considering to set up a permanent Women's Commission at the National level to carry forward the work of women's welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) A comprehensive report making an assessment of:

(i) demographic perspective;

(ii) Women and law;

(iii) Women's employment;

(iv) Women's health status;

(v) Women's education;

- (vi) Women and political participation;
  - (vii) Indian women in the family;
  - (viii) Science and Technology for Women; and
  - (ix) Institutional changes is under final stages of preparation.
- (c) No, Sir.

**Setting up of a Railway Undertaking in Kerala**

\*320. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Kerala does not have any major Railway undertaking;
- (b) if so, reasons therefore;
- (c) whether Government have any proposal to set up at least one Railway undertaking in Kerala; and
- (d) is so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (d). Kerala has major railway installations/facilities commensurate with the requirements for maintaining day-to-day operation of the railways efficiently. For example, Kerala has the Divisional Railway Managers' offices at Palghat and Trivandrum, with infrastructural undertakings for operation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, electrical and signal & telecommunication equipment, etc. Additional new works such as BG Diesel Shunter Loco Shed at Ernakulam for 20 locos is in progress.

**Restoration of the Original Draught of Paradip Port**

\*321. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any steps taken by the Port Authority of Paradip Port and Government to restore the original draught (depth) of the port so that heavy and big Cargo ships can easily enter the port;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) how many ships during 1984-85 have gone back to other ports as they could not enter Paradip Port on account of its low depth;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken to solve the dredging problem of the port to prevent siltation in the port; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As a result of deployment of Dredgers of the Dredging Corporation of India, the original draft was restored from 27th December, 1984.

- (c) Only one vessel was diverted.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The normal maintenance dredging is being carried out by the Dredging Corporation of India on a continuing basis. Further, in order to prevent the silt moving into the navigational channel and reducing the draft, the Port Trust has undertaken the work of creating a sand trap through a contractor.

**Environment Consciousness Amongst Students Through School Curriculum**

\*322. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTANAIK :  
PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government propose to inculcate environment consciousness amongst the students through school curriculum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and