

of technology will also be specified by this Committee or Council.

Shri Humayun Kabir: The number of admissions in each section is broadly determined on the advice of the All India Council of Technical Education.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Is it the intention of Government to set up these institutions at a higher level than the engineering colleges that are already in existence in the States under State auspices. If so, have they got the requisite teaching personnel for these institutions in India?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I think this question was asked on the last occasion. These colleges are intended to be good institutions like all other institutions in the country.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Have they got the teaching staff to man all these colleges?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I think I have answered this question previously. These institutions cannot be started without the teaching personnel.

Shri Radha Raman: I should like to know how much will be the capacity of each of the eight Centrally administered colleges which are proposed to be set up and are about to function and also what will be the total number of students that will come out every year from these colleges.

Shri Humayun Kabir: Sir, this question also was answered. The admissions to each college when fully developed will be 250 per year.

Shri Kunhan: May I know whether any decision has been taken so far regarding the establishment of an engineering college at Palghat in the Kerala State?

Shri Humayun Kabir: That does not arise out of this question.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: All these questions are being repeated day after day.

Traffic Jams in Delhi

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Shri B. C. Mullick:
Shri Amjad Ali:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
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Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to avoid traffic jams in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police Administration are short of vehicles and manpower to tackle traffic jams; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken to meet the Police requirements?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) to (c). A committee was recently appointed to examine and report on the entire question of the regulation of traffic on special occasions in Delhi. The committee's report suggesting improvements in the road system and the construction of certain diversionary roads, the training of the traffic police and the provision of equipment has been received and steps have already been taken on the basis of some of its recommendations, and others are under consideration.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether some of the important trains will be diverted to the New Delhi station so that the traffic jam near the Delhi station and its approaches is reduced?

Mr. Speaker: Will the hon. Member kindly repeat his question?

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: The biggest traffic jam is near the Delhi railway station. May I know whether some of the important trains are being transferred to the New Delhi station so that the traffic jam near the Delhi main station can be reduced?

Shri G. B. Pant: I will convey that suggestion to the Railway Ministry.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: In view of the fact that in cities like Lucknow and Bombay which cope with traffic ten times the volume of traffic in Delhi there are hardly any jams, would those in charge of the traffic arrangements take some lessons from the excellent arrangements which are being made in those cities to avoid jams? We have hardly any jams in our city.

Shri G. B. Pant: The people of Lucknow are cleverer and abler than those of Delhi. But there has been phenomenal growth in the population of Delhi, which has risen from about 9 lakhs at the time of independence to about 25 lakhs now. The number of cars, I think, has gone up about 25,000 or so from one-fourth, one-fifth or one-sixth of that number. The roads, when they were made, were not intended to meet fully and adequately the needs of this very heavy traffic. But attempts are being made to meet the situation as actively and satisfactorily as possible. On the whole, in spite of all this, the accidents in Delhi are not more than in any other city, whether we take into account the fatal accidents or other accidents. Well, there are jams at times; but, I hope people will get more disciplined and the traffic more efficient.

aid to Small-Scale Mining Industry

354. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metallurgy be pleased to state:

a) whether Small-scale Mining Industry receives any assistance for hire-purchase of machinery and other credit facility as is given to Large-scale Industry; and

b) what organisations exist for the purpose?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha): (a) and (b). Government have no scheme for assistance to Small-scale Mining Industry for hire-purchase of machinery. The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd., which is a Government Undertaking, provides facilities for hire-purchase of machinery by small-scale industrial units. Credit facilities are provided by some State Governments by their respective State Financial Corporations or by other organisations provided for the purpose.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether the Ministry has considered this matter and think that its duties end with only the regulatory process and has nothing to do with the developmental process?

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: If some of the organisations or mine owners want financial aid they will go to the State and if there is a proposal from the State all facilities are given to them.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Is the hon. Minister aware that small scale industry is primarily a State concern and the Central Government has set up a large organisation and made great provisions? What are the reasons to discriminate between the mining industry and other small-scale industries—to discriminate against the mining industry more particularly when minerals are national resources and are a Central subject?

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: I have already said that there is no discrimination. If some of the units approach the National Small Industries Corporation which is a Central unit, all facilities are given just like other industries.