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infrastructure to directly operate and maintain such urban rail-based systems, it is proposed to set up a Corporation under that Ministry to take over the operation and maintenance of Metro Railway, Calcutta. No decision has, however, been taken in the matter so far.

Recruitment in Public Sector Undertakings

- 2611. SHRI SOBHANADRESSWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government have issued guidelines to public sector undertakings that recruitment to certain posts should be made from local national employment exchanges;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are aware of violation of these guidelines; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken for implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Public Sector Undertakings have been advised that recruitment to posts carrying pay scales, the maximum of which does not exceed Rs.2,500/- p.m., should be made only through National Employment Service. Other sources of employment for such posts can be tapped only if the Employment Exchanges issue Non-availability Certificate to this effect.

- (c) Government has not received any complaints regarding violation of these guidelines by PSUs.
 - (d) Does not arise.

Defence Training Facilities

- 2612. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether India is likely to offer its defence training facilities to the United Arab-Emirates;
- (b) if so, the number of other Gulf countries to whom Indian Government propose to offer such defence training facilities;
- (c) whether any policy has been evolved to provide such facilities to foreign countries; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE-RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). India offers training facilities on the courses of instruction conducted by the major military training institutions in India under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC), on self-Financing basis and under Special Aid Programme

to friendly foreign countries. In the last two years, i.e., 1994-95 and 1995-96, the following gulf countries including the UAE, have availed of slots in the training institutions:

- (a) Oman
- (b) Qatar
- (c) UAE
- (d) Iran
- (e) Kuwait

The Indian training facilities are made available to friendly foreign countries as and when either specific requests are received from them or when specially planned Defence training courses are organised with a view to providing benefits of Indian Defence training institutes to candidates of such friendly foreign countries.

Dopler Weather Radar System

- 2613. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: WIII the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Meteorological Department have signed a memorandum of understanding for the indigenous design and development of a Dopler Weather Radar System:
- (b) if so, the special features and advantages of the new radar system; and
- (c) the time by which the new radar system is likely to be developed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The new radar system to be developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation for the India Meteorological Department (IMD) will be able to measure wind associated with a cyclone, besides detection and tracking of a cyclone. This will improve the quality of Cyclone Warning Service of IMD through better assessment of storm intensity and coastal inundation.
- (c) The system is likely to be developed within about 40 months starting from October, 1995.

Mega Railway Station

- 2614. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :
- (a) whether the Railways are planning to introduce escalator equipped pool bridges at Mega Railway Stations;