

[*Translation*]

Reinstatement of Porters of Mahendru Ghat

4665. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had directed the Government to re-employ a number of porters of Mahendru Ghat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether those porters have been re-employed by the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Supreme Court had directed to absorb the appellants by issuing porters' licences to them to work in any of the Railway stations in the State of Bihar. Accordingly, the appellants were offered engagements at four Railway stations in the state of Bihar namely Danapur, Patna City, Rajendra Nagar and Bkhtiarpur. They, however, did not take up the job at these stations.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Research Facilities

4666. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC has received proposals from the various universities for providing assistance for research work to college teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to

extend the research facilities to the school level also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission has a scheme of support for research for undertaking Major and Minor Research Projects by the College teachers. Under the scheme, the Commission provides assistance upto Rs. 15,000/- for minor research projects in Humanities and Social Sciences and Rs. 25,000/- for science subjects. Similarly, assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 2.00 lakhs is provided under major research projects for humanities and social sciences and Rs. 3.00 lakhs for science subjects. These are continuing schemes and proposals received in this regard are got evaluated with the help of the committees of subject experts.

The Commission has approved 123 minor research projects and 38 major research projects of college teachers in humanities and social sciences during the year 1992. 123 major research projects will be placed before the Committees of subject experts for evaluation.

(c) Central Government has no Scheme to provide research facilities to School teachers.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Zero Missing amenities Fitting Scheme

4667. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent under the Zero Missing Amenities Fitting Scheme since its introduction in each zone; and

(b) the details of the items covered under the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN) : (a) No additional outlay or separate account is kept for expenditure incurred on the Zero Missing Amenities Scheme.

(b) Provision of important amenities like lights, fans, bath room fittings, window shutters, latches etc, is ensured on such earmarked trains.

[Translation]

Sugar Mills in Karnataka

4668. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEER-

<i>Grade of sugar produced</i>	<i>Quantity in lakh tonnes (Provisional)</i>
S-29	0.323
M-30	0.747
S-30	9.160
Brown/Ungraded	0.020
Total 10.250	

APPA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the registered sugar mills in Karnataka; and

(b) the varieties and quantity of sugar produced therein during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As on 31.10.1992, there were 30 installed sugar factories in the State of Karnataka.

(b) Variety-wise quantity of sugar produced by the working sugar factories in Karnataka during the 1991-92 sugar season was as under:

[English]

Tripureswari Express from Kumarghat to Guwahati

4669. SHRIDWARKA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger amenities including catering services are inadequate in Tripureswari Express from Kumarghat to Guwahati and it does not serve the purpose

of express train also;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.