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13.	Dr. Malini Bhattacharya	Member
14.	Dr. Hiren Gohain	"
15.	Prof. Nimal S. Bose	"
16.	Smt. Bilkees Latif	"
17.	Dr. Ayappa Panikar	"
18.	Shri Nikhil Chakravorty	"
19.	Smt. Gita Mukherjee	"
20.	Shri Dileep Padgaonkar	"
21.	Shri Narendra Mohan	"
22.	Shri Prabhash Joshi	"
23.	Shri K. L. Nandan	"
24.	Shri S.N. Subba Rao	"
25.	Shri Habib Tanvir	"
26.	Joint Secretary (Culture)	Member/Secretary

(c) The Centenary year has been christened 'Rashtra Chetna Varsh'. It is proposed that the year would begin with a function, paying homage to Swami Vivekananda and his ideas, at Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu on December, 28th this year.

#### Conversion of Krishnanagar-Nabadwip Line

4780. SHRI AJAY MUKHOPADHYAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan for conversion of Krishnanagar-Nabadwip Narrow-gauge line into Broad-gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The survey for this project has since been taken up. Further action will depend on results of survey and availability of resources.

### **Khusro Committee Report**

4781. SHRISYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khusro Committee on the Mushirul Hassar's Affair in Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the requisition and recommendations of the committee; and

(c) the status of implementation of the report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). the entire issue concerning the incidents in Jamia Millia Islamia was referred to a Group of Eminent Persons under the chairmanship of Justice (retired) M.M. Ismail for advice. The Group has advised mainly as follows:-

"(1) Prof. Mushirul Hasan has expressed his regrets and tendered a clear and categorical apology. This should be accepted whole-heartedly. Forgiveness is a godly quality and the Quran and the Prophet of Islam have encouraged it. We are confident that the Jamia community of students, teachers and other staff will not want to dilute these prescriptions for forgiveness.

(2) Incidentally, this trend towards large-hearted acceptance is also reflected in the altered stance of the University community. The students Union, the faculty and the administrative staff have all co-operated in the reopening of the University and taken steps towards the restoration of its normal functioning. This is indicative of their deep-rooted attachment to and concern for the well-being of the Institution to which they have the privilege to belong. Prof. Mushirul Hasan himself has been consistently critical of the blasphemous, crude, intolerable and non-secular approach of Salman Rushdie; we trust that the Jamia community, the Muslim community and all sensible people will not fail to take note of it.

To prevent recurrence of such incidents and to achieve purposeful co-ordination between students, teachers and administration there is no better method than dialogue on a continuing basis. Dialogue should never deteriorate into intolerant behaviour and violence".

The Group has also noted that there are no principles or policies laid down with regard to the maintenance and up-keep of the Campus and the properties therein. The Group has advised for urgent steps to remedy those defects and to remove the deficiencies.