THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There are 12 and 15 posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively lying vacant in the Northern Region office of Indian Airlines. the details are given below :--

		Vacancies for Scheduled Castes	Vacancies for Scheduled Tribes
Peons		2	
Loaders		6	2
Helpers		4	3
	TOTAL	12	5

(c) Action is underway to fill up the vacant posts.

Transfers of TTEs

4649. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the details of the transfer policy with regard the TTEs and the policy to get their names registered for transfer; and

(b) the number of cases not registered without assigning any reasons and the steps taken to register the names of all those TTEs who seek transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE. IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) TTEs hold sensitive posts and frequently come in contract with public and/or Contractors/Suppliers. they are to be transferred every four years. Besides. TTEs detected indulging in malpractices are also sent on interdivisional transfers.

Transfers on requests (in recruitment grades only) to adjoining divisions on the same railway or on another railway are also considered based on priority of registration subject to availability of vacancies and administrative convenience. In addition mutual transfers are also considered, wherever feasible.

(b) Requests for transfer in proven cases of malpractices are not registered.

National Project for Bio-Gas Development

4650. SHRI V. SOBHANAD-REESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVEN-TIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated and the amount actually spent in 1990-91 for the implementation of the National Project for Bio-gas Development;

(b) the details of the Bio-gas plants set up under this project. categorywise;

(c) whether any study has been made to assess the performance of Community Bio-gas plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The revised budget alloca-