

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the names of the States ;

(c) whether in view of the performance, Government would like to introduce this scheme in more States in the country ; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) to (d) The scheme relating to issue of green cards envisages that such cards may be given to the acceptors of terminal methods of family planning after two children as a mark of recognition, and priority attention in areas where such preferential treatment is feasible. The Central Government had requested all the States/U. Ts to start this scheme. The scheme is reported to have been introduced in Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Arunachal Pradesh, Orissa, Andman and Nicobar Islands, Gujarat and Karnataka.

Allotment of bookstalls at Railway stations on North-frontier railway

5859. **SHRI MOHD. MAHAFOOJ ALI KHAN :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 359 on 16 August, 1984 regarding allotment of Bookstall at Railway Station on N.F. Railway and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that N.F. Railway did not invite applications to provide bookstall facility on newly constructed platforms No. 6-7 at Gauhati station, if so, the reasons therefor ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the N.F. Railway are considering to allot the same bookstall contract on newly constructed platform No. 6-7 at Gauhati station to A.H. Wheeler & Co ;

(c) the details of stations and newly constructed platforms where N.F. Railway are going to invite applications from unemployed graduates

to provide jobs through bookstalls including platforms No. 6-7 at Gauhati ; and

(d) how many stations/platforms where bookstalls have been allotted to unemployed graduates from 1982 to 1984 in N.R. Railway ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Since no fresh contract was awarded at Gauhati, the question of inviting applications does not arise.

(b) M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. has been permitted to operate a bookstall on BG platforms No. 6-7 at Gauhati Railway Station which has come up due to gauge conversion without increasing their holdings. At this station, M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. have sole selling rights including platforms constructed as a result of gauge conversion.

(c) The Railway is going to invite applications for Kamakhya Station only.

(d) During the period from 1982 to 1984, two bookstalls have been awarded to two unemployed graduates.

Loss to M.M.T.C. due to poor performance of conveyor belt system of Visakhapatnam port

5860. **SHRI BANWARI LAL PURHIT :** Will the Minister of SHIP-PING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that due to poor performance of the conveyor belt system of the Visakhapatnam Port, the public sector M.M.T.C. has suffered a loss of Rs. 1 crore in foreign exchange towards demurrage during 1984-85 ;

(b) if so, whether Government have inquired into the matter in detail, and

(c) if so, the results thereof and the steps contemplated by Government to prevent such losses in future ?...

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has reported that in 1984-85 they have incurred a demurrage of Rs. 87 lakhs in foreign exchange on iron ore shipments from Visakhapatnam Port. Bunched arrival of vessels, low performance of the mechanical ore handling system including its conveyor system, upheaval of stockyards etc. contributed to the demurrage.

(b) and (c) The working of the conveyor system was inquired into by the Government. The ore handling plant is working with a 5.5 kms. long single stream conveyor system. The conveyor has been in use since 1976. Though the deterioration in the belt was noticed, replacement could not be effected as it would result in not fulfilling the export commitments. Therefore, the replacement was postponed till April, 1985. However, the worn out belt failed beyond repairs on 27 March, 1985, thereby affecting loading of four ships waiting in the port. The repairs were completed by 4 April, 1985.

M/s. Howe India Limited who were the original designers of the ore handling plant, conveyor system etc. have been entrusted with a detailed engineering study to identify and evaluate the modifications/improvements/additions required in the ore handling plant for gearing up its performance to the level of rated capacity. The Consultants have already taken up the preliminary study of this plant.

Establishment of Physical Education College in Kerala

5861. **PROF. P.J. KURIEN :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the second National Institute of Physical Education College would be established in Kerala ;

(b) if so, by what time it would start functioning ;

(c) whether a separate university would be established for physical education ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, the reaction of University Grants Commission and the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The VII Plan proposals for physical education include provision for the establishment of four regional colleges of physical education. Till the VII Plan is finalised, it is not possible to say when and where such Colleges would be established.

(c) It is not envisaged.

(d) Does not arise.

Power Generation

5862. **SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that we are still dependent upon the foreign countries in regard to the power (generation) Technology ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken by Government or proposed to be taken in near future to promote our indigenous technology in power generation ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (d) Over the years, the country has developed expertise and facilities to manufacture almost all types of equipment for power generation. Sufficient design and consultancy expertise has also been built up to undertake planning and design of power generation projects. Assistance has been obtained, from time to time, for improved technology in certain specialised/selected areas.