

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVARO SCINDIA) :

(a) No, Sir. The operation theatre of the hospital has already been air-conditioned for the last five years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In the Seventh Five Year Plan as prepared by the Ministry of Railways and put up to the Planning Commission, the following items for the Medical Department have been proposed :

(i) To build additional 100 Health Units.

(ii) To add approximately 1,000 additional beds to the present strength of 11,800 beds available in Railway Hospitals.

(iii) To open 2 additional speciality units in any of the following branches on the Indian Railways ;

- A. Gastroenterology.
- B. Nephrology.
- C. Neurology.
- D. Neurosurgery.
- E. Endocrinology, and
- F. Respiratory diseases.

U.G.C. Grants to Annamali University

5902. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the total University Grants Commission grants for Annamalai University year-wise from 1983-85 (Financial year) ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : The University Grants Commission has paid Rs. 97.15 lakhs and Rs. 16.26 lakhs respectively as development grants to the Annamalai University during 1983-84 and 1984-85.

Preberthing waiting time of Cargo Ships at Bombay Port

5903. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND

TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the capacity of the Bombay Harbour to accommodate the incoming flow of cargo ships;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cargo ships have to wait in queue for its turn to get disembarkation facilities at Bombay harbour; and

(c) if so, what was the approximate number of days for which the Cargo-ships had to wait to get its turn for disembarkation at the port of Bombay during the past six months ?

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

(a) The capacity of Bombay Port to accommodate incoming flows of cargo ships depends upon the size of the vessels visiting the port. Due to rapid changes in ship technology, the size and type of the ships arriving at Bombay Port for cargo operations have changed considerably, whereas the size of the berths and the facilities available at these berths have remained more or less unchanged. At present, the arrival rate is 6 vessels per day.

(b) Under normal circumstances, cargo ships do not have to wait in queue to get disembarkation facilities at Bombay Port. However, if there is any stoppage of work, as for example due to heavy monsoon or strike by employees connected with port working, or if there is heavy bunching in arrival of ships in any particular group, the cargo ships do suffer detention.

(c) The average number of days for which the cargo ships had to wait to get their turns for disembarkation at the Port of Bombay during the past 6 months from October, 1984 to March, 1985 are as follows :—