

**Loss of Shipping Corporation of India During 1983-84**

746. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India has run into a 50 crore loss during 1983-84; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

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

(a) The loss incurred by Shipping Corporation of India during 1983-84 was Rs. 51.64 crores.

(b) This was due to the global recession in the shipping industry leading to fall in freight rates.

Recommendations made by Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of SCs and STs

747. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Parliament Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes vide its 43rd report (1983-84) stated that in respect of its 15 recommendations it was not satisfied with the replies of the Government;

(b) whether Government have since reconsidered the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) if so, what is the Government's decision in particular about (i) cut off point for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students (para 1.10 of the above report), (ii) restriction on number of children per family entitled to post-matric scholarship (para 1.16), (iii) availability of data from Central Universities (para 2.31), (iv) inclusion in Selection Committee (para 2.12) ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c) : The Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, vide its 43rd Report (1983-84) had referred back to the Government 15 reconsideration for reconsideration. On some of these recommendations, Government's views have been communicated to the Committee. One of these is regarding the lowering of the cut off point for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates appearing in the Joint Entrance Examination. Government's earlier views on this issue have been reiterated. Other recommendations are under reconsideration in consultation with various authorities concerned.

**National Waterway on Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River**

748. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the National Waterway on Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river showing the expenditure involved;

(b) whether the navigational lock-gates of the feeder canal at Farakka were supposed to be completed by July, 1984;

(c) if so, whether the Project has been completed and navigation started by now;

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the delay and when it is expected to operate;

(e) whether the delay in the execution will result in extra expenditure;

(f) whether Government contemplates having such other waterways in the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a) The river stretch between Haldia