

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : The pace of track renewals has been stepped up from 1096 kms. in 1980-81 to over 3500 kms. in 1985-86. The target for 1986-87 has been fixed as 3800 kms. and an allocation of Rs. 595 crores (net) has been made for the purpose. Increased maintenance inputs are also being made wherever required to ensure safety.

Inconvenient timings of Passenger Trains running between Pen and Bombay

6968. **PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether daily passenger service has been started from Pen to Bombay on the West Coast Konkan Railway Section ;

(b) if so, whether the timings of the train are inconvenient to the passengers who reside in Pen and go to Bombay for jobs ; and

(c) if so, whether the timings are proposed to be revised to suit the passengers going to Bombay city for work every day ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shops, Stalls and Vendors Licensed at Howrah and Sealdah Railway Stations

6969. **SYED SHAHABUDDIN :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of shops, stalls and vendors licensed at Howrah and Sealdah railway stations ;

(b) the names of the lessees, concessionaires and licensees ; and

(c) the total revenue collected from such lessees, concessionaires, licensees, during 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Eighty.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Rs. 88,546.68 P.

Bogus institutions claiming affiliation with non-existent universities

6970. **SYED SHAHABUDDIN :** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether existence of bogus institutions which claim affiliation with non-existent universities or educational bodies abroad and sell degrees of diplomas has come to the notice of Union Government ?

(b) if so, the particulars of such institutions ; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to deal with such educational rackets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has no information with regard to the existence of bogus institutions in the country which claim affiliation with non-existent universities or educational bodies outside India and sell degrees or diplomas.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Payment for Repair of Watercrafts under Andaman and Nicobar Administration

6971. **SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state the total amount paid to Central Inland Water Transport Corporation and other organisations for repair of watercrafts under the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, department-wise separately and the number of vessels repaired during last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Purchase of Spare Parts for Vessels and Workshop under Marine Department Andaman and Nicobar Islands

6972. **SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;