

Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi. However, that Department has not submitted its final Report.

(b) to (e). Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

[*Translation*]

Teachers' Training Centre at Sagar

6247. SHRI NANDLAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received to set up a training centre for teachers in Sagar or at any other place in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which this centre is likely to be set up in Sagar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) and (b). The University Grants Commission had formulated a scheme to set up Academic Staff Colleges for conducting orientation programmes for newly recruited University and College lecturers. In pursuance of this scheme, proposals to set up Academic Staff Colleges were submitted by the following Universities in Madhya Pradesh:—

- (i) Devi Ahilya University, Indore.
- (ii) Dr. H.S. Gaur University, Sagar.
- (iii) Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh.
- (iv) Jiwaji University, Gwalior.
- (v) Rani Durgawati Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur.

Of these, the UGC has approved the proposals received from the Universities at Indore, Sagar and Jabalpur. The Staff College at the Sagar University started functioning from 20.3.1988.

[*English*]

Andhra Pradesh proposal for Establishment of Bridge Corporation

6248. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMAMURTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal for the establishment of a bridge corporation to monitor the construction and maintenance of bridges to Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government have accepted the proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d). The Government of India had received a letter from Government of Andhra Pradesh for financial support from banks and financial institutions for the construction of bridges. Reserve Bank of India and Industrial Development Bank of India had been consulted. Industrial Development Bank of India expressed that in view of resource constraint of institutions, they would not be able to support bridge construction activity. Reserve Bank of India had pointed out that banks would not be in a position to extend financial support for providing infrastructure facilities. However, banks could grant loans for meeting working capital requirements of the companies who take up contracts for con-