

[English]

**Research Projects by Scholars of  
Andhra University**

**4109. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of research projects submitted to UGC by various scholars of Andhra University during 1990 and 1991 are lying undecided;

(b) if so, details thereof alongwith date of this submission subject-wise;

(c) the reasons for the delay in sanctioning the projects; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

**Reserved Posts**

**4110. SHRI HARIKEWALPRASAD:  
SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise number of reserved posts in various categories lying vacant in the Indian Railways;

(b) the reasons for not filling up those vacancies; and

(c) the time by which these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). No reserved posts are kept vacant. In fact, in case of non-availability of SC/ST candidates, the reserve vacancies are filled up by general candidates after de-reservation and carrying forward the reserved points except in recruitment categories where de-reservation has been banned with effect from 1.4.1989. However, the backlog in reserve quota for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on Zonal Railways as on 30.4.1991 was as under:-