

staying abroad after completion of his or her studies.

There is no scheme to recall these students. However, as per the provisions of the scheme, selected students are required to execute a Bond stating that they will return to India after completion of their studies; failing which the entire amount spent on them will be recovered from them along with interest.

In 1989-90, the total expenditure on 121 students abroad was Rs. 2,71,03,476, i.e. an average of Rs. 2,23,995 per student per year. (The duration of study varies from one to three years extendable by one year).

Cut of 6 students, who have returned to India after completion of their studies, 5 of them are employed.

[English]

New Policy to check Pollution

*87. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced or proposed to announce any new Environmental Policy to check pollution;

(b) if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) the particulars of rules and regulations issued so far to prevent pollution at source?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Government have issued on February 26, 1992, a Policy Statement of Abatement for Pollution. A copy of the Statement has been laid

on the Table of the House in its last session.

(b) The Policy seeks integration of environmental and economic aspects in development planning; lays stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatement, promotion of technological inputs for reducing the industrial pollutants and increasing reliance on public cooperation in securing a clean environment.

(c) Pursuant to this policy, rules relating to standards for consumption of water by polluting industries have been notified; environmental audit has been introduced for all polluting industries; and, the consent-management-system has been rationalised and modified for common consent form to check inter-media transfer of pollutants which would facilitate prevention of pollution at source.

[Translation]

Freight Traffic on Northern Railway

*88. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target of freight traffic fixed on Northern Railway for 1991;

(b) the extent of target achieved; and

(c) the measures adopted to boost the freight traffic performance of the Zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN): (a) 28 million tonnes for 1991-92.

(b) 27.36 million tonnes or nearly 98 per cent. However, total loading of revenue earning freight traffic on Indian Railway was more than the target in 1991-92.

(c) Close coordination with all rail user