

(a) the student- teacher ratio in Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country,

(b) is it true that there is shortage of teachers in most of the Navodaya Vidyalayas,

(c) whether it is also true tht there is inordinate delay in the recruitment of teachers to these schools, and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Centre in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of human Resource Development (Department of Education and Department of Culture) (Kumari Selja) : (a) Novodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) has intimated that in a full fledged Navodaya Vidyalaya having enrolment of 560 students the ratio between students and teachers is 22 : 1

(b) to (d) Vacancies exist in NVS due to a number of reasons like non- availability of suitable SC/ST candidates reluctance on the part of teachers in work in rural area, etc

Inorder to expedite the recruitment process, the Samiti has notified vacancies and accelerated the process of selection Government have also issued instructions for launching special recruitment drive for filling up the vacancies for SC/ST

RAILWAY LINES

7791 **Dr. K.D. Jeswani :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the lenght of new Railway Lines laid in Gujarat during the last three years till date excluding the already converted Broad Gauge Lines from the Metre Gauge Lines and

(b) the details of the amount of expenditure spent/allotted for the state during the last three years, year-wise and the amount proposed to be allotted during 1995-96?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C.K. Jaffer Sharief)

(a) No new railway line has been laid during the last three years. However, the work of new BG line from Kapadvanj to Modasa (60.50 kms) has been taken up

(b) The details of the amount allotted for new lines are as under

Year	Amount Allotted (Rs)
1992-93	Work was frozen Only token outlay was provided
1993-94	
1994-95	
1995-96	Rs 2 crores was provided following defreezing of the work

CANOEING AND KAYAKING RACE

7792 **Shri P.C. Thomas :** Will the Minister of Human Resource Development be pleased to state

(a) whether the Canoeing and Kayaking traditional Boat Race of Kerala has been recognised in the fields of International Sports and Games,

(b) if so, whether India has taken part in the race in the international competitions,

(c) if so the details thereof, and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to encourage the above Boat Race?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Youth Affairs and Sports) and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Mukul Wasnik) : (a) No Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise

(d) At the international level, only recognised disciplines are competed. The traditional boat race of Kerala in which 100 Paddlers are required to paddle is not a recognised discipline in the international level. The race is organised by a local committee in which there is no Central Government involvement

SUGAR MILLS

7793 **Shri Dileepbhai Sanghani :**
Shri P. Kumarasamy :

Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state

(a) the number of sugar mills set up in Gujarat and Tamilnadu till date,

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to promote cooperative Sugar Mills in these States, and

(c) if so, the number of Sugar Mills proposed to be set up in the States during the remaining period of the Eighth Plan on Cooperative basis and the details thereof, state-wise?

The Minister of Food (Shri Ajit Singh) : (a) As on 31-1-1995, there were 18 and 33 installed sugar factories in the States of Gujarat and Tamilnadu respectively

(b) and (c) As on 31-1-1995, no proposal for the setting up of new sugar mills in the cooperative sector in the States of Gujarat and Tamilnadu was pending consideration in the Ministry of Food. As and when proposals from the Co-operative sector for setting up new sugar mills in these two states are received, they would be processed in accordance with the licensing policy guidelines