

Apart from the expenditure incurred by the Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, expenditure is incurred by the States/Union Territories on the development and promotion of languages, particularly the regional languages, the development of which is their primary responsibility.

Bomb explosion in nangalambala cantt shuttle

4699. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI

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SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY

SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Strict security steps in Punjab trains" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 24 November, 1985 wherein it has been reported that a powerful bomb explosion took place in the Nangal-Ambala Cantt shuttle at the Shambhu-Railway Station in Punjab on 22 November, 1985 and;

(b) if so, the details thereof as well as action Government have taken in the matter and measures taken to avoid such recurrence in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A bomb explosion occurred on 22.11.1985 in Train No. 6 USN while running between Rajpura-Shambhu Railway Stations on Sirhind-Ambala Cantt Section of N. Railway. As a result of the explosion, 4 passengers died and 19 passengers suffered injuries. State Police authorities have made wide arrangements at Railway Stations, platforms and running trains to avoid such incidents in future. Apart from random checking in the district, police also carried out intensive checks in the Punjab State,

Money spent on national service scheme

4700. PROF. M.R. HALDER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) amount of money spent on National Service Scheme (N.S.S.) through different universities during the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) money allotted to Calcutta University for this programme; and

(c) the extent to which funds allotted to the Calcutta University were utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN WELFARE (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The central share of assistance released to the State governments/union territory administrations for being released to the universities was Rs. 289.30 lakhs, Rs. 305.63 lakhs and Rs. 384.77 lakhs during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 respectively.

(b) & (c) Information is being collected from the State government of West Bengal and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Refresher course on tuberculosis

4701. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items appearing in the 'Searchlight' dated 6 November, 1985 wherein it is stated that a refresher course on tuberculosis was recently organised at Nasriganj (Bihar) under the chairmanship of the President of the Indian Medical Association, Bihar Circle, to discuss about the ways and means to prevent this deadly disease in the wake of the recent development in Chemotherapy;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) what steps the Government propose to take to control this disease ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pilot studies for short course chemotherapy drug regimen containing Rifampicin and Pyrazinamide have been taken up in 18 districts of the country. Based on the experience gained and the results achieved, it is proposed to include more number of TB Centres during the ensuing years of the Plan period.

National TB Control Programme is at present being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 50:50 sharing basis between the Centre and the States. Under the Central share anti-TB drugs, X-ray Units with Odelca. Camera and X-ray films are supplied. At present 361 district TB Centres provided with equipment and staff, 319 other TB Clinics and 45,500 TB beds are functioning in the country.

Acquisition of container vessels by shipping corporation of India

4702. **SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether about 90 per cent of the container cargo traffic is being taken out by foreign liners and the Shipping Corporation of India is getting only about 9 per cent due to non-availability of modernised container vessel:

(b) whether the Shipping Corporation of India has not so yet acquired any modernised container cargo vessel to facilitate the coastal trade within and outside the country;

(c) whether some of the shipyards abroad have submitted proposals for supply of container vessels with long term credit facilities for their acquisition and if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the action proposed to update the fleet position of Shipping Corporation of India ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The Indian

Lines, share of container traffic during 1984 was about 15% and the share of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. was about 14%.

(b) Even though SCI has not acquired cellular container vessels so far, the current requirements are met through time chartering of such vessels.

(c) In response to SCI's tender enquiry for construction of container vessels various Shipyards have offered long term credit facilities ranging from 10% to 20% of the price being payable upto delivery and remaining 90% to 80% price being payable either as Deferred Credit or as loan over a period of 8 to 15 years.

(d) The Seventh Plan acquisition programme of SCI envisages mainly acquisition of modern specialised vessels like container vessels, edible oil carriers, phosphoric acid carriers, ammonia carriers, etc.

Facilities in tinsukia mail

4703. **SHRI WANGPHA LOWANG :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether passengers travelling by Tinsukia Mail have to face a lot of inconvenience due to lack of proper facilities which are required to be available in a Mail Train, such as fittings in coaches, cleanliness, availability of beddings, catering, etc; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve efficiency and services in the Tinsukia Mail ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) & (b) No, Sir. Adequate facilities in the shape of proper mechanical and electrical fittings, cleanliness, travel bags and catering facilities have been provided in Tinsukia Mail. However, with a view to improve the services further, adequate maintenance staff from electrical side have been provided to escort the train. Mobile safai-walas to travel with the train and attend