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B. Medium Projects

1. Khaupam Dam	2.98	2.75
2. Imphal Barrage	5.28	4.75
3. Seikmai Barrage	6.64	5.57

Steps for Uniform Standard of Education by University Grants Commission

767. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the University Grants Commission is taking up any steps for ensuring uniform standard of education at the University level throughout the country;

(b) if so, details thereof ; and

(c) if not, whether the Commission proposes to conduct a special survey in this regard to identify the main causes of the lack of uniformity in standard and to find remedies thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b). In order to ensure a measure of comparability in the standards of education offered by different universities, the University Grants Commission has prescribed regulations specifying the minimum standards of instructions for the award of BA/B. Sc/B. Com. degrees by the universities. These regulations provide that the number of actual teaching days in an academic year should not be less than 180; that the universities should adopt the guidelines issued by the U.G.C. for the conduct of examinations ; that teachers who do not fulfil the minimum qualifications prescribed by the Commission should not be appointed to teaching posts ; and that the workload of teachers should be prescribed in accordance with the guidelines issued by the U.G.C. The Commission has also decided to hold a national test for the award of Junior Research Fellowships. This test is intended to ensure that there is a measure of comparability in the performance levels of graduates from different universities who are awarded fellowshi ps.

(c) Does not arise.

Lifting of Ban on Creation of Posts for the Metro Railway

768. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Metro Railway authorities have requested the Department of Railways to lift the ban on creation of posts for the Metro Railway in Calcutta.

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the number of staff required for the running and maintenance of Metro Railway in Calcutta ;

(d) the contemplation of Government in relation to the proposal for lifting of the ban on creation of posts for the Metro Railways ; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed for selection of suitable staff for maintenance, engineering, security, electrical and other departments of Metro Railway in Calcutta ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (e). A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For the already commissioned Esplanade-Bhowanipur and Dum Dum-Belgachia sections, 317 staff and 7 officers are deployed. Additional staff and officers as needed will be posted when further sections are opened.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to Part (a) of the question.