

IIT graduates going abroad are not maintained. However, according to the available information the number of such people is roughly of the order of 20% on an average.

(b) The activities of the Indian Institutes of Technology cover teaching at the undergraduate levels, research, supervision at the Ph. D. levels, sponsored research, developmental activities, consultancy services, maintenance of a fully residential campus and the university functions. Some of these activities contribute directly to the education and training of the student but others only indirectly. Furthermore, it is not possible to quantify the exact contribution of each of these towards preparing the student. Accordingly, it is difficult to estimate the amount spent per student in IIT.

(c) In view of the position given under (a) above, the remaining graduates from IITs, expectedly, stay in the country.

(d) Apart from arranging industrial training for the students during their pre-final year, the Training and placement Section of each IIT keeps close and constant liaison with Indian industries/organisations to ensure that the students get not only a job but a place where their talents could be best utilised. Through these efforts large number of students are selected by the Indian industries/organisations every year, through Campus interviews.

Railway line from Lalabazar to Bhairabi

3636. SHRI SUDARSAN DAS : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state when the construction of Railway line from Lalabazar to Bhairabi is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : Completion of this project will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Acquisition of ships

3637. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tonnage Acquisition Committee have recommended acquisition of ships costing 850 million dollars in view of low prices of ships and favourable credit terms ;

(b) whether a drastic reduction in the acquisition programme is being proposed by Planning Commission, applying the yardstick of narrow profitability ; and

(c) if so, the alternative steps proposed to be taken to replace the overaged and outdated Indian ships ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Planning Commission has finalised a target of 7.5 million GRT as net operative tonnage at the end of 7th Plan as compared to 6.36 million GRT existing at the end of 6th Plan Period on the basis of resources available and this was not related to any yardstick of narrow profitability.

(c) The target of net operative tonnage to be achieved at the end of 7th Plan takes into account the replacement needs of 2.5 million GRT of shipping tonnage, which would have outlived its economic life at the end of 7th Plan period, subject to availability of resources.

Zero rate of growth of population

3638. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :

SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGH-VAN :

SHRI C.P. THAKUR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the target fixed for various States for zero rate of growth of population ; and

(b) what concrete steps are taken to achieve these targets ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) It is expected that India's population would stabilise around the year 2050 AD. The National Health Policy lays down the demographic goals to be achieved by 2000 AD which is Net Reproduction rate 1. The years by which this level is targetted to be achieved by the States are given in statement below.

defined strategy to achieve the goals set under Family Welfare Programme. The main features of the strategy are : increasing demand for contraception through improved communication approaches ; expanding and improving the quality of out-reach services ; promoting greater community participation ; intensifying population education ; enhancing child survival rates ; and reorganising programme structure and improving its management.

(b) Government has prepared a well

Statement

Target date of reaching N.R.R.—1

By 1991-92	By 1996-97	By 2001-02
Andhra Pradesh	Assam	Bihar
Gujarat	Karnataka	Jammu & Kashmir
Haryana	Madhya Pradesh	Manipur
Himachal Pradesh	Orissa	Meghalaya
Kerala	West Bengal	Nagaland
Maharashtra	A. & N. Islands	Rajasthan
Punjab	D. & N. Haveli	Sikkim
Tamil Nadu	Goa, Daman & Diu	Tripura
Chandigarh	Mizoram	Uttar Pradesh
Delhi		Arunachal Pradesh
Pondicherry		Lakshadweep

Conversion of Tumkur-Bangalore-Tumkur trains into suburban trains

3639. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether Government propose to convert Tumkur-Bangalore and Bangalore-Tumkur trains as suburban trains as is the case with Bombay-Pune trains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : There is no such proposal at present.

Women pilots in IAC

3640. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of women pilots who are operating on the Indian Airlines flights ;