

(c) and (d). No statement by such an Association has come to the notice of the Government. It is, however, seen that during the

Period 1983-84 to 1986-87 traffic in the three categories of bulk cargo, general cargo and export cargo showed the following trends :

(In million tonnes)

Year	Bulk cargo	General cargo	Export cargo
1984-85	14.397	1.348	1.175
1985-86	14.349	2.136	1.310
1986-87	13.827	2.367	1.340

(e) and (f): There is no proposal to develop Kandla Port as a modern fullfledged container terminal during 7th Plan. However, Kandla Port has the capability to handle container traffic.

Shortage of Nurses

9366. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is 22 per cent shortage of nurses at the supervisory level in the country;

(b) if so, whether this has seriously affected the efficiency of the hospitals in the country;

(c) the efforts being made by Government in the regard ;

(d) whether Government also propose to launch training programme for nurses all over the country; and

(e) if so, the details of the same and the efforts being made to remove the shortage of nurse ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (e). The Government is not

aware of the exact extent of shortage of Nurses in the Country as a whole as the majority of Nurses are under the employment of State Governments and Private Institutions. There is, however, a general shortage of Nurses in different teaching as well non-teaching hospitals even though the State have been providing increases seats for training of Nurses as per their requirements as and when necessary.

Malpractices in Railway Reservation

9367. SHRI SWAMI PRASADSINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Search paralyzes rail reservation' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 10 April, 1987;

(b) whether the Vigilance Department of Railways proposes to recruit women vigilance staff to undertake personal search of women staff in reservation counters ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(e) whether the existing rules for reservation prohibit bulk reservation at one time ; and

(f) if so, how private booking agents manage bulk reservation at one time ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) **Vigilance staff do not subject employees to body search.**

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir, except for bonafide parties or groups, such as marriage parties, conducted tours etc. in whose case compact reservations can be permitted by authorised officials only. Whenever any case of collusion on the part of railway staff in allowing bulk reservations unauthorisedly comes to notice, it is severely dealt with.

Technical Staff Working in Hindi Correspondence Course Division of Hindi Directorate

9368. DR. G.S. RAJHANS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of class I and II persons working in the Hindi Correspondence Course Division of Hindi Directorate and nature of their duties and record of performance during the last two years ;

(b) whether several technical officers and evaluators have been put on clerical jobs , and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and concrete steps being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) There are 2 Group 'A' and 44 Group 'B' officers working in the Correspondence Course Department of the Central Hindi Directorate. The duties of the various officers are given in Statement-I given below. The record of performance of these officers during the

last 2 Years is given at Statement-II and Statement-III given below.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Statement-I

Duties of Officers of Group-A & Group B

1. Deputy Director :

He is over all Incharge of the Department of Correspondence Courses. Broadly he is administrative and Academic Head of the Correspondence Courses of different media and is responsible for running the scheme of Correspondence Courses smoothly with the help of his team of Officers.

2. Assistant Director :

He is responsible for smooth functioning of work assigned to Assistant Education Officers working under him. AEO's are directly under his control academically. He supervises revision/planning printing of teaching material and organises personal Contact Programmes and gives guidance to AEOs and Evaluators and assists Deputy Director in the work

3. Assistant Education Officers :

Prepare and revise the teaching material under the guidance of Asstt/Dy. Director and take work from their Evaluators. Conduct Examination and Personal Contact Programmes, recheck 15% of evaluated response-sheets and make the teaching material ready for press, read the proofs of different courses of different media. (Pravesh/Parichaya, Certificate Course of English, Tamil, Malayalam, Bangla medium, Probodh,Praveen, Pragya and Civil Service Courses for intending I.A.S. candidates)

4. Jr. Administrative Officer is over all Incharge of admission, despatch of teaching material, controls the receipts