

(e) whether Government have received any report about one of the faculty members who was in those groups having sold maps and photographs of sensitive areas to foreigner; if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, only one group of students and teachers was sent (in 1986) to Kargil District in Ladakh region during the last 3 years by the Centre of Study of Regional Development (CSR D) in the School of Social Sciences.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on this visit was Rs. 33,207.20.

(c) and (d) The visit was part of the requirements of course No. 415 in MA Geography. The purpose of such visits is to train students in different methods of field work in physical geography. The results of these practical studies, conducted by the students, form the subject matter of field diaries and reports.

(e) No, Sir.

[Translation]

Transfer of Railway Employees/Officers

5115. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions/rules regarding inter-zonal transfer and inter-divisional transfer of Railway Employees;

(b) the number of employees/officers transferred in various Railway Zones during the last three years, year-wise, on this basis;

(c) the number of employees who applied for such transfers and the number of employees out of them transferred and the number of cases which are still under consideration;

(d) how much time is taken in completing the process of such transfers; and

(e) whether such cases are also under consideration wherein employees/officers have been applying for their inter-zonal/inter-divisional transfer for the last 5 years, but the cases have not been disposed off and if so, the zone-wise details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) In the exigencies of service railway employees can be transferred from one division/zone to another.

Requests from group 'C' & 'D' employees for inter-zonal/inter-divisional transfers on grounds of special cases of hardship are also considered as per the procedure laid down for the purpose. Request transfers are allowed only in grades having an element of direct recruitment. The staff transferred at their own request are given bottom seniority in the new Unit.

Employees are also allowed inter-zonal/inter-divisional transfers on mutual exchange basis.

(b) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Beautification of Ulsoor Lake

5116. KUMARI D.K. THARA DEVI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the development and beautification of Ulsoor Lake in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the State Government has submitted any proposal regarding Ulsoor Lake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS