

There has not been any such suggestion recently but the Soviets did submit a report Bhilai Technical and Economic Considerations (BTEC)—in March, 1979, which envisaged modernisation of the 2.5 MT stream to yield an additional 1 million tonnes of steel as distinct from the 4 MT expansion programme already under implementation. The report was examined, but the proposal was deferred as priority was required to be given to stabilise production at 4 MT stage after expansion.

**Mehrotra Committee's Recommendation
for Librarians And Physical
Instructors**

960. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the Mehrotra Committee's recommendations for Librarians and Physical Instructors of various universities and college in the country regarding their pay scales and other facilities;

(b) the details of the decision taken thereon; and

(c) the reaction of teachers organisation thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The Mehrotra Committee, in part B of its report had recommended the same pattern of pay scales and career advancement for Librarians and DPEs as they had recommended for teachers in Universities and Colleges. The Committee had also recommended that the details concerning recruitment, qualifications career advancement, etc., should be worked out by an Expert Committee. Accordingly the UGC had appointed an Expert Committee which has since recommended the details of qualification, etc.

(b) The recommendations are under examination and the decision is likely to be taken shortly.

(c) The organisations of Librarians and DPEs have been demanding an early revi-

sion of their pay scales and also the maintenance of parity in pay scales and other facilities between them and the teachers.

[Translation]

Over-bridge at Thawe Railway Station

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the absence of over-bridge on Thawe Railway Station near Thawe line Bazar main road on Gorakhpur-Siwan metre gauge rail line on North-Eastern railway, traffic remains jammed for 2-3 hours and the train remains there for shunting for many hours; and

(b) if so, the time by which an over-bridge is likely to be constructed there and when the work is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No proposal has been received from the State Government for the construction of an over bridge near Thawe Railway Station.

Over-bridge at Sipaya Halt

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

(a) whether Government propose to construct an over-bridge on the railway line opposite Karmaini Mod near-by Sipaya Halt Railway Station on Gorakhpur-Siwan metre gauge line on North-Eastern Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that traffic remains jammed for hours together on this Karmaini Mod in the absence of an over-bridge there as a result of which great inconvenience is caused to people; and

(c) the reasons for delay in constructing the over-bridge there and the time by which the work of construction of this over-bridge will be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, some hold-up of road traffic does occur whenever the level crossing gates remain closed for passage of trains.

(c) The Railway has not, so far, received any proposal from the State Government for provision of an over-bridge at this location.

Development of Railway Stations In Northern, North Eastern and Eastern Railway

963 **SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of platforms/stations on Northern Railway, North Eastern Railway and Eastern Railway improved and developed since January, 1984 till date, year-wise and the details of expenditure incurred on these stations during this period year-wise;

(b) the number of stations developed on aforesaid railways in Bihar and the number of those stations development of which is under consideration and the number of stations proposed to be developed in the next financial year; and

(c) the number and names of stations in Bihar, which have not been developed/improved during the last three years and the time by which Government propose to develop those stations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Irregularities in Steel Distribution

964. **SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :**
DR. CHINTA MOHAN :
SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item published in the Jansatta dated 5 September, 1987 regarding large scale irregularities in steel distribution;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not making any inquiry into the matter so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The matter has been investigated by Steel Authority of India Limited. The allegations have been found to be baseless.

Increase in Steel Prices

965. **SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :**
SHRI KAMAL NATH :
DR. CHINTA MOHAN :
SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to increase the prices of steel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a suggestion has been given by Government to steel industry to eliminate the losses by increasing the efficiency instead of increasing margin of profit;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the loss likely to be suffered by the steel industry (SALL) ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) :
(a) There is no proposal to revise the steel prices at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Government is closely monitoring the efficiency parameters and the