

on account of compensations against claims cases, during the last one year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : During 1986-87, the Railways paid Rs. 42.45 crores as compensation for loss and damage to booked goods to all claimants.

**Development of Vedic Mathematics by Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan**

2407. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :  
DR. A. K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan is going to correlate the Vedic Mathematics and other Ved Vidyas to Modern Times;

(b) if so, the steps envisaged in this regard;

(c) what 'other kinds of works' come in the purview of the pratishthan and whether the preparation and publication of an Encyclopaedia of Bharatiya Vidyas, life and culture and Bharatiya illuminating traditions may also be one of its works;

(d) the details of the experts/scholars associated with it;

(e) the location (s) of the pratishthan ; and

(f) whether a seminar in this context is to be held and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a first step workshop is being organised at Jaipur from 25th March to 28th March, 1988 to discuss the significance of vedic Mathematics and its relevance to the curriculum of mathematics in schools and to the application in computer technology.

(c) A statement of the objectives of the pratishthan which indicate the kind of work that come under its purview is given below.

(d) The names and addresses of the experts and scholars, associated with it are also given in the statement below.

(e) The Pratishthan is at present located in Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

(f) As in part (b) above.

**Statement**

**C. Objectives of Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan**

(i) to preserve, conserve and develop the oral tradition of vedic studies, for which the pratishthan will undertake various activities such as support traditional vedic institutions and scholars, provide fellowships/scholarships, undertake production of audio/video tapes etc. ;

(ii) to foster the tradition of intonation and recitation through the human agency ;

(iii) to encourage and ensure involvement of dedicated students in higher research in this field ;

(iv) to provide for research facilities to students with the background of vedic Knowledge and to equip them with sufficient scientific and analytical outlook, so that modern scientific thought contained in the vedas particularly disciplines of mathematics, astronomy, meteorology, chemistry, hydraulics, etc. could be linked with modern science and technology and a report established between them and modern scholars ;

(v) to establish, takeover, manage or supervise vedic pathshalas/research centres all over the country, maintain or run them for any of the objects of the society ;

(vi) to revive and administer such of the endowment and trusts as are defunct, or not properly run ;

- (vii) to give special attention to shakhas which are extinct and for which human repositories can be identified and to prepare a detailed list of pandits related to these Shakhas ;
- (viii) to ascertain the present status of oral traditions relating to the Vedas particularly intonation and recitation peculiar to various regions, institutions and Mathas in the country ;
- (ix) to collect information about the state of textual material, printed manuscripts, texts, commentaries and interpretations etc. of the various oral traditions of Vedic Shakhas ;
- (x) to collect information about the present state of recordings both audio and visual available in the country;
- (xi) to undertake all such activities as may be necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objectives of the pratisethan in accordance with the memorandum of society.

**D. Names and Addresses of the Experts Scholars Associated with Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan**

1. Shri O.M.C. Namboodiri,  
Secretary, Brahmaswam Matham,  
Trichur (Kerala).
2. Shri P. C. Sharma,  
Gandhi Basti, Opp. Dewkas Shop,  
Guwahati-781003.
3. Shri Iswar Bhai Patel,  
Chairman, Maharshi Academy of  
Vedic Sciences, A' medabad.
4. Shri Rameshwar Thakur,  
M. P. Akhil Bharatiya Veda  
Rakshan Nidhi.  
15, Rakab Ganj Road, New Delhi,
5. Shri Raghu Ram Shastri,  
Principal, Shrauta Vidyalaya,  
Srirangam, Tamil Nadu.

6. Shri Samba Dixit,  
Principal, Ved Vidyalaya,  
Gokaran (Karnataka).
7. Godavari Venkatanarsimha  
Avedhani,  
Patumavari, Agraharam,  
Tenali (A.P.).
8. Shri Pattabhiram Shastri,  
4/7, Hanuman Ghat,  
Varanasi.
9. Prof. D. P. Chattopadhyaya,  
Chairman, Central Sanskrit Board,  
25, Park Mans'ion Street,  
Calcutta.
10. Dr. T. N. Dharmadhikari,  
Director, Vedic Sanshodhan  
Mandal,,  
T. V. Nagar,  
Poona.
11. Dr. Mandan Mishra,  
Director, Rashtriya Skt. Sansthan,  
A-40, Vishal Enclave, Raja Garden,  
Delhi,
12. Dr. B. S. Kumar,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
K. S. D. Skt. University,  
Darbhanga (Bihar).
13. Shri V. Venkatachalam,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Sampoornanand Skt. Vishwavidya-  
laya  
Varanasi.
14. Prof. B. K. Mohanty,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Jagannath Skt. University,  
Puri.
15. Shri R. C. Sharma,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
  
Gurukul Kangari Vishvavidyalaya,  
Haridwar.

**Platforms at Howrah Railway Station**

2408. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :