

### Central Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education

3547. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the centrally sponsored scheme of vocationalisation of secondary education is under implementation;

(b) if so, the targets and allocations of Central financial assistance, State-wise, for the current financial year;

(c) the number of vocational courses for which curriculum and instruction material has been developed so far; and

(d) whether the proposed Joint Council of Vocational Education has been set up at the national level and the names of States in which the counterpart organisations have been established?

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

(b) No State-wise targets and allocation of Central financial assistance for the current financial year have been fixed. The proposals of the States/UTs are examined on merits and necessary financial assistance sanctioned in accordance with the norms of the scheme.

(c) The NCERT has prepared instructional materials for 14 vocational courses and minimum competency based curriculum for 52 courses. In addition, the development of curriculum and instructional materials for various vocational courses is also taken up by the State-level institutions.

(d) Necessary action to set up the Joint Council of Vocational Education at the national level has been initiated. According to the information available, the State Councils of Vocational Education have been established in Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Haryana and Delhi.

### Konkan Railway Project

3548. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the construction of the West Coast Konkan railway upto Roha in the Raigadn district of the backward region of Maharashtra, a number of industries have come up at Roha providing employment potential for the local population; and

(b) if so, whether the Konkan railway will be expeditiously extended further to provide infrastructure for development of the backward Konkan region? /

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey for the full line from Roha to Mangalore has been completed recently and the detailed report is awaited. No further action can be taken till the detailed Survey Report is examined in consultation with the Planning Commission.

### Agati Airport

3549. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the likely date of commissioning the Agati airport in Lakshadweep;

(b) the types of aircraft scheduled to operate from this airport; and

(c) the total cost involved in the construction of the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The runway strip is likely to be made ready for trial operations by 15.4.1988, subject to fair weather conditions. The grading of side strips & fencing is expected to be completed by 31.5.1988.

(b) Air strip is designed for HS-748 type of aircraft operations. However, Dornier