

Bifurcation of U.G.C.

7321. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bifurcate University Grants Commission to enable it to direct the activities for maintaining the standard of education in various universities; and

(b) whether the work regarding sanctioning the grants to various universities is proposed to be handled by the Ministry of Human Resource Development directly?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No Sir.

(b) No Sir.

Grant-in-aid for Roads in Hilly and Inaccessible Areas

7322. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government provides special grant-in-aid for roads in hilly and inaccessible areas of various States every year;

(b) if so, the procedure adopted for identification of such roads in hilly and inaccessible areas; and

(c) whether Union Government ensure that the money so allocated for roads in hilly and inaccessible areas is spent only for such purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Constitutionally, the Government of India is primarily respon-

sible for roads declared as National Highways. For all the other roads including roads in hilly and inaccessible areas, the responsibility is of the respective State Governments. National Highways being a Central responsibility, the question of any grant-in-aid to the State Governments does not arise.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Discovery of Minerals Through Satellite

7323. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new mineral bearing areas have been identified through satellite remote sensing techniques; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). No new mineral bearing areas have been identified only through the application of satellite remote sensing techniques. However, by a combination and conjunctive synthesis of lands at imagery interpretation and airborne geophysical data, coupled with ground geochemical exploration, certain lead and zinc mineral bearing areas have so far been identified in Andhra Pradesh.

Hostel Accommodation for Jamia Millia Islamia University Students

7324. SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute shortage of Hostel accommodation in the Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi;

(b) whether even the girl students find it difficult to get residential accommodation