

screening by ICCR and books, musical instruments, Indian textiles and ornaments are sent to Indian Missions for presentation to various institutions.

- (6) Three Cultural Centres have been established at Fiji, Guyana and Surinam and a Cultural Window in Bonn. They organise regular classes in Indian dance, music, Hindi and Yoga.
- (7) Eminent scholars in the field of History, Hindi, Sanskrit, Tamil and other subjects are sent to teach in certain universities abroad for limited periods.
- (8) Indian missions abroad encourage participation of local Indian communities in the presentation and projection of Indian culture.

Induction of diesel engines on Mettupalayam Udagamandalam (Ooty) metre gauge section

1711. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to induct diesel traction on the Mettupalayam Udagamandalam (Ooty) metre gauge section, better known as the Nilgiri Railways, which is a major tourist attraction in South India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) & (b) The feasibility of a suitable diesel locomotive to meet the special needs of this Section as an alternative to the existing steam traction is under examination.

Requests for starting ferry service on Mondvi-Okha route in Gujarat

1712. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received requests to start ferry service on the Mondvi-Okha route in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start ferry service in Gujarat; and

(d) if so, on which routes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d) 3 applications from private parties covering the routes Mondvi-Okha and Surat-Bhavnagar have been received by the Director General of Shipping and are under examination.

Universalisation of education

1713. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the constitutional goal about the programme of universalisation of education has not been achieved so far;

(b) if so, the total percentage of children in the age group of 6 to 11, enrolled in Primary Classes (between I to V), by the end of 1985;

(c) reasons for fall in the percentage of attendance in Primary Classes; and

(d) reason for not achieving the constitutional goal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Seventh Plan document by the end of 1984-85, 91.84% of the children in the age-group 6-11 (classes I-V) are expected to have been enrolled.

(c) & (d) The VI plan envisaged that universalisation of elementary education would be achieved by 1990. For operational purposes it set the goal of achieving 95% enrolment at primary stage and