

(c) Yes, Sir. They wanted reintroduction of conventional trains with more catering accommodation, which has been done.

(d) Not at present.

Diversion of Cargo to Beypore-Calicut Ports

607. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not diverting the cargo ships to Beypore-Calicut ports for the last one year especially when they were unable to find a berth in the Cochin port;

(b) whether Government propose to take immediate steps to ensure a steady flow of cargo ships to the Beypore-Calicut ports, which will provide employment to otherwise stagnated workers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) diversion of cargo ships to other ports when berths are not available or for other reasons is done as per the option of the charter lines/agents/charterers etc. The Government has no control over such diversions. The available capacity of Cochin Port is adequate to meet the present level of traffic projected to be handled there and any deliberate diversion of traffic to other ports such as Beypore-Calicut will not affect utilisation of the built up facilities at the port and add to the shipping costs.

Professors, Readers and Lecturers in N.C.E.R.T.

608. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Professors, Readers and Lecturers in National Council of Education Research and Training in its branches;

(b) the total salary paid to the members of teaching faculty annually; and

(c) the number of persons being trained by NCERT in various camps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) There are 44 posts of Professors, 188 of Readers and 335 of Lecturers in the National Council of Educational Research and Training and its branches.

(b) The total salary paid annually to the members of teaching faculty is Rs. 197.51 lakhs (approx).

(c) NCERT has so far trained 3,500 teachers throughout the country in 62 camps under the programme of community singing.

Rail-Road-Bridge on River Great Gandak

609. SHRI MADAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have expressed their willingness to contribute their share of contributions for the construction of a Rail-Road-Bridge on River Great Gandak on the borders of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(b) if so, when will the project be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Government of U.P. and Bihar had earlier paid Rs. 3 crores and Rs. 2 crores respectively as their share of cost. They have since been advised to communicate their agreement to bear increased cost as assessed in 1983 with further escalation. They have not communicated their acceptance to this so far.

(b) It will depend on provision of increased funds by U.P. and Bihar Governments as also on availability of resources in Railway Sector, which are under severe strain at present.