

(vii) Route relay interlocking and panel interlocking is being progressively provided at stations. 712 stations have been provided with these devices.

(viii) Progressive provision of track circuiting at stations. This has been done at 2026 stations.

(d) While it is not possible to precisely correlate reduction in accidents with a specific Safety device, there was a 11.7% fall in the number of accidents during 1985-86 when compared to the preceding year. During the quarter April to June 1986-87 the number of accidents has been about 27% less than the corresponding quarter of 1985-86.

**Demand for a Halt Station between Kalubathan and Ambana Station of Eastern Railway**

1919. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the villagers of large number of Panchayats of Nibsa areas of Dhanbad district was held at Elakend-Fatehpur Railway gate on 6 July, 1986 demanding a halt station between Kalubathan and Ambana Station of Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the demand for halt station at that place is being raised since long time and it would be remunerative to railways; and

(d) if so, the steps taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Government is not aware of such a meeting.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). There has been a demand for such a halt. Opening of this halt is not feasible from the operating and engineering points of view, as it will be on the busy Grand Chord, with a gradient of 1 in 200. It is also not justified financially.

**Reduction of Seats by Colleges of Delhi University**

1920. SHRI NITYANANDA MISRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been invited to the Newsitem appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 16 July, 1986 stating that Colleges in Delhi will be reducing 1800 seats in B.A., B Com. courses during the current academic year;

(b) the number of eligible students who are on the waiting list;

(c) whether this step will be retrograde one and deprive many students access to college education; and

(d) whether Government would intervene to avert the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISANA SAHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For the purpose of admission the students have to apply to individual Colleges of their choice. A large number of students apply simultaneously to several Colltges. Admission will continue upto 14th August, 1986, therefore, the number of eligible students on the waiting list will not be available with the Delhi University. The number of students who have qualified in the Higher Secondary Examination from Delhi with 40% or more marks and have thus become eligible for admission to various courses in Colleges in Delhi is 43,856.

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

**Recommendations of Working Group Regarding Production of Books for School Students**

1921. SHRI R. M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have asked the working group on National Book