

Honavar Committee's Report on Indian Shipping.

610. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high-power Honavar Committee has submitted its report on the growth and development of Indian shipping;

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof and which of these have been accepted by Government; and

(c) the recommendations of the Committee which have not been accepted by Government and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) to (c). Honavar Committee has submitted only Interim Report. Final Report is still awaited. Government will consider the recommendations after receipt of the final report.

Closure of Institute for Under Graduates

611. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authorities of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have notified closure of the Institute for Under Graduates till further notice; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and for how long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). The All India Institute of Medical Sciences suspended the academic exercises for under graduate students for 3 days only from 12th to 14th May, 1980. Thereafter, the under

graduates have been given the summer vacation for a period of 1 month, from 16th May to 15th June 1980. The reason of this decision was to ease the disturbed conditions created by the strike of the Resident Doctors who were joined by the Interns. However, the Institute will reopen on the 16th June, 1980 for the under graduates.

Arrest of Indian Journalist in South Africa

612. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Journalist working for the Daily News was arrested in Durban, South Africa on May 28, 1980; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to get the journalist released?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir, According to our information, a South African national of Indian origin, Mr. Marimuthu Subramoney, a Journalist working with the Daily News of Durban, was arrested among others in connection with recent disturbances in South Africa arising out of school boycott by coloured students who are protesting against unequal system of education imparted to them. Mr. Subramoney was subsequently released.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Out Agency in Himachal Pradesh

613. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by Government for the opening of Railway Out Agencies in Himachal Pradesh;