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World Peace Council

6144. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Bureau of World Peace Council was held in January, 1981, to plan a mass action against arms build up in Indian Ocean by big powers; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan chalked out thereat?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Bureau of the Presidential Committee of the World Peace Council held a meeting in Antananarive from January 23 to 27, 1981. The Agenda of the meeting included, *inter alia*, a discussion on the "arms build-up in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf and its dangers for Africa and the World".

(b) Except for the opening and the closing sessions, to which Heads of Diplomatic Missions were invited, the proceedings of the Bureau of the World Peace Council Meeting were not open to the public.

Expenditure of Zonal Railways

6145. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the ratio of the expenditure for each one of the Nine Zonal Railways for (i) Track Expansion Programme, (ii) New Railway lines in each one of the preceding to Five Year Plans,

separately for each zone to the total expenditure of the zone in each plan;

(b) the percentage of route kilometrage added to the total of route kilometrage of the Zone at the beginning and end of the each one of these Plans;

(c) how it compares with other leading European and Asian and American countries; and

(d) the steps taken to improve this ratio in Sixth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Total Mileage of lines

6146. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the total mileage of railway lines at the time of Independence of the country.

(b) the addition of mileage made thereto in each State during each of the last five year including plans upto 1980;

(c) what is the total projection of new additions of railway lines as well as gauge conversion (State-wise) during Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the amount to be spent thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Data of Route Kilometrage is maintained as at end