

(c) The Central Government is not directly meeting any part of the maintenance expenditure of the University which is now shared between the Chandigarh Administration and the Government of Punjab in the ratio 60 : 40. During 1980-81, the share of the Union Territory of Chandigarh and Punjab was Rs. 279.10 lakhs and Rs. 186.06 lakhs respectively.

### Export of Onions through Foreign Bottoms

2627. SHRI K. RAMA MURTHY Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for exporting onions through foreign bottoms while Indian bottoms are available for Singapore, Penang etc.; and

(b) whether there is any specific condition in the export agreement that only foreign bottoms should be used ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b) : Export of Onion is canalised through National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED). Exports to Singapore, Penang etc. are on FOB basis, and vessels are nominated by foreign buyers as per contracts. NAFED has reported that no discriminatory attitude is adopted by them. In view of the perishable nature of the commodity, shipments are made through whatever vessels are available. Whenever Indian vessels are available, they are also utilised.

### Demands of Coolies of Kolhapur (Maharashtra)

2528. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Divisional Railway Manager, South Central Railway, Hubli (Karnatak) has received a representation dated 30th June, 1981 from the General Secretary, Kolhapur Hamal Sangh (Bharatiya Majdoor Sangh) Kolhapur, (Maharashtra), regarding the difficulties faced by loading and unloading coolies ;

(b) if so, the details of the demands made in the said representation;

(c) what action has so far been taken by the concerned authority in regard to these demands; and

(d) if no action has so far been taken, the reasons for this delay and when the action shall be taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes.

(b) The suggestions relate to additional covered accommodation in the goods shed, improvement in circulating area, non-interference of shunting operations with loading/unloading work, provision of Canteen, Rest Rooms etc, provision of sufficient clerical staff and office accommodation, weekly off on Sundays and transfer of Kolhapur Goods Shed from South Central Railway to Central Railway.

(c) The suggestions are under examination and implementation wherever found justified and feasible.

(d) Does not arise.