

students willing to get the admission could not be allowed due to the paucity of seats; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated to be taken by Government to cope up with these requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1,410 students got admission in polytechnics last year and 7,146 students could not be admitted.

(c) The proposal to start new Polytechnics in Delhi is being examined by Delhi Administration.

Casual Labourers of Tools and Plant Depot

2652. **SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations dated 23rd March, 1981 from the General Secretary, Southern Railway class IV staff Association, Trichy about the delay in grant of skill promotion to 200 men on Semi-skilled grade and also to about 40 semi-skilled C.W. Fitters in GOC workshop; discrimination meted out to 40 casual labourers of the Tool and Plant Depot/GOC for grant of temporary status and CPC scales of pay, denial of promotion chance to senior most Khalasis on the verge of retirement in Tools and Plant Depot/GOC; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b). A representation had been

received by Additional Chief Mechanical Engineer Golden Rock. Promotions are made as and when vacancies arise and all the vacancies in promotional grade have since been filled. As regards the grant of CPC scales of pay to the Casual Labour, all the Casual Labour in the Tool and Plant Depot Golden Rock have been sanctioned the same. Further in order to provide more promotional chances to Senior most Khallasis at the verge of retirement, sanction has been communicated for upgradation of 19 posts of artisan staff in the Tool and Plant Depot Golden Rock.

Universalisation on Elementary and Adult Education Programme

2653. **SHRI HARINATH MISRA :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what steps Government have taken, or propose to take to universalise elementary and adult education programme in the country during the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether it is a fact that large educational infrastructure gaps exist in the implementation of the programme and Departmental funds out of plan resources are insufficient to fill these gaps; and

(c) if so, what feasible alternatives have been explored and the reaction of the State Governments thereto;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) The physical targets under the Sixth Plan for 1980-85 do not envisage hundred percent coverage under elementary education for the 6-14 age-group and under adult education for the 15-35 age-group.