

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI-MATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of Dr. Anantharaman Committee and other relevant records were further considered by a Committee appointed by the Executive Council under the Chairmanship of the former Vice-Chancellor. In the light of the recommendations of this Committee, the Executive Council decided on 22-7-79 that the vacancies of Lectures existing at present and arising thereafter in the Departments concerned may be first filled from amongst the "P.U.C." teachers subject to their suitability, and the post be advertised for open selection only in the event of non-availability of a suitable teacher. This decision was reiterated by the Executive Council on 8-3-1980; and is being implemented by the Banaras Hindu University.

Representations of the Workers Union of Madras Port Trust

3731. DR. A. KALANIDHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from the workers union of Madras Port Trust, Madras for the grant of certain concessions/ex-gratia payments in the year of the centenary celebrations of the Madras Port Trust; and

(b) if so, the action taken on them and the policy of Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEER-ENDRA PATIL): (a) Unions of workers have made representations to the Madras Port Trust for grant of bonus, gifts and a number of

concessions in connection with the centenary celebrations of the Madras Port Trust. These demands are under discussion between the Port Trust's Chairman and the unions.

(b) If the Port Trust authorities make any recommendations to the Ministry which require Government approval under the rules, these will be examined on merits, when received.

New Maynaguri-Sitai Line

3732. SHRI SUBODH SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for laying railway track between new Maynaguri (North Frontier Railway) and Sitai, District Cooch Behar, West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether preliminary survey has been undertaken; and

(c) what are the principal places the proposed railway is likely to pass through?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Traffic-cum-Reconnaissance Engineering Survey for the construction of a new BG railway line from New Maynaguri to Sitai via Saptibari, Ranirhat, Jamalabhat, Nayahat, Mathabhangra, Rangamati & Sitalkuchi (83.75 kms. was carried out during 1977. This revealed that the project would not be financially viable (return being negative). Due to limited financial resources and unremunerative character of this project, it has not been possible to take up the construction of this project so far.