

**Setting up of New Universities**

4194. SHRI DAULATSINHJI

JADEJA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish new universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when such proposals are pending; and

(d) when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The Central Government has a proposal to establish a Central University in Pondicherry. The details of this proposal are still to be finalised.

Besides, the State Governments have also under their consideration proposals for establishing new universities. The details of such proposals received by the University Grants Commission and on which a final decision has not yet been taken are as follows:—

(i) A proposal from the Government of Tamil Nadu was received in August 1981 to establish a Tamil University at Thanjavur for studies and Research in Tamil language. The proposal is yet to be considered by the Standing Committee Constituted by the Commission on establishment of new universities and university post-graduate Centres. Meanwhile, the Government of Tamil Nadu have issued an Ord'nance in September, 1981 establishing the Tamil University at Thanjavur.

(i) A proposal for setting up an Agricultural University in Jammu & Kashmir was initially received in September, 1980. This proposal was considered in consultation with the Indian Council for Agricultural Research and the State Government. The Commission has accepted the need for establishing the new university and has requested the State Government to prepare a revised project report. The revised proposal is yet to be received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(iii) The Government of Gujarat had proposed the establishment of a new university in North Gujarat area in July, 1979. The State Government was requested to make available additional information and other details. The required information has since been received from the Government of Gujarat. The proposal has now to be considered by the Standing Committee on new universities and university postgraduate centres constituted by the Commission.

(iv) A proposal for establishing a new Technical University in the Konkan region of Maharashtra was received from the Government of Maharashtra in May, 1981. The Commission has accepted the proposal, in principle, and has requested the State Government to formulate a project report and draft bill and forward them to the Commission. These are yet to be received from the Government of Maharashtra.

**Daily Running of Neelachal Express**

4195. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has approached the Central Government for running the superfast tri-weekly Neelachal Express daily;

(b) whether representations from the people of the State as well as the Members of Parliament have also been received requesting the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) and (d). Increase in the frequency of 175/176 Neelachal Express is not feasible at present due to lack of spare line capacity on sections en-route and also shortage of coaching stock.

#### Path along Railway track at Andul Station

4196. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation dated 20th July, 1981 from the Pradhan, Jhorehat Gram Panchayat, Vill. & P.O. Jhorehat, Distt. Howrah (W.B.) regarding extension of the path along the railway track there from the Andul Station to staff quarters to West Cabin connecting the rural path there which will greatly help the people and the children; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government on the said representation and details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposed foot path would cost Rs. 1.2 lakhs and is not considered

justified, as alternative approach road to station is available.

#### Introduction of River Craft on Ganga to explore Navigability of the River

4197. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the progress made towards the introduction of river craft for movements on the Ganga between Farakka and Allahabad to explore the navigability of the river over that stretch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

Hydrographic survey to delineate the channel, location of chars and identification of potential sites for river terminals, etc. is in progress. The origin, destination, the pattern and quantum of cargo likely to move on the waterway and the facilities needed therefor are also being studied by a firm of consultants whose report is awaited by end of January, 1982. The provision of facilities for handling cargo and vessels in the reach between Farakka and Allahabad is proposed to be taken up after the above studies are completed.

#### खानपान विभाग में कर्मचारियों की संख्या और श्रेणियां

4198. श्री अशफाक हुसैन: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) रेलवे के खानपान विभाग में अस्थाई और स्थाई कर्मचारियों की श्रेणीवार संख्या कितनी-कितनी है,

(ख) क्या खानपान विभाग में समान कार्य के लिए भिन्न स्थानों पर भिन्न ग्रेड दिये जा रहे हैं ;