

(d) and (e). This Project has been approved in the Budget for 1981-82 and land acquisition proceedings are in progress. The matter is being vigorously pursued with the Madhya Pradesh State Government and the Bhopal Development Authority.

Bookstalls at Stations

5431. SHRI SURYA NARAIN SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is not a fact that a large number of bookstalls on big and medium stations are controlled by two major private firms and thus there is no chance for unemployed graduates for employment ;

(b) whether it is not a fact that if new platform is constructed after 1-1-76 and the Bookstall is awarded to an Association/Partnership of Unemployed Graduates, then it is not possible for all the members to earn their livelihood on only one platform ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways do not take interest to encourage the groups of Unemployed Graduates by awarding Bookstalls to each member on each platform; if not what are the reasons ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The three major bookstall contractors, viz. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd., M/s Higvinbotham (Pvt.) Ltd., and M/s Gulab Singh & Sons (Pvt.) Ltd., are holding bookstalls at certain stations allotted to them, as per the policy then existing of allotting

bookstalls to the established and reputed booksellers, long before the formation of the scheme for future allotments of bookstalls to the unemployed graduates and their organisations.

(b) Bookstalls are provided at stations only if there is a demand for sale of books, magazines, etc. and the proposal is commercially viable for running bookstalls by contractors.

(c) All future allotments of bookstalls are exclusively reserved for individual unemployed graduates, their Partnerships/Associations/Cooperatives and Cooperatives of actual workers/vendors already attached to bookstalls on the Railways. In course of last few years, these categories have been allotted bookstalls at 159 stations and allotments of further bookstalls at about 100 additional stations are being processed. To encourage the unemployed graduates to run these contracts successfully, only nominal rate of rent and licence fee is recovered. The State Bank of India and State Bank of Hyderabad have also agreed on a proposal from this Ministry to advance suitable loans to the unemployed graduates.

Individual members of Partnership/Associations/Cooperatives have no separate entity for the purpose of allotments of bookstalls.

वरिष्ठ रीडरों की प्रोफेसरों के रूप में पदोन्नति

5432. श्री कृष्ण राम :

प्रो. जयिजत कुमार नेहता :

क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग ने वरिष्ठ रीडरों की प्रोफेसर के पद पर पदोन्नति करने की कोई योजना तैयार की है;