

Eastern Railway Employees Consumer Cooperative Society, Dhanbad

6247. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern Railway Employees' Consumer Cooperative Society, Ltd., Dhanbad is in crisis;

(b) if so, the details of problems that this Cooperative Society is now subjected to: and

(c) the details of the problems brought to the notice of his Ministry by the Board of Directors of the Society by the representation dated 15 January, 1982 addressed to the Director, Cooperatives, Railway Board and others and action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A representation dated 15-1-82 received from Eastern Railway Employees' Consumer Cooperative Society, Ltd., Dhanbad *inter-alia* contained the following points:—

(i) One Godown of the Society has been taken away by the railway 3 years back for which no alternative accommodation has been provided so far.

(ii) The society is being asked to shift their canteen in the main stores building which will force closure of society's grocery Section, fair price shops and Departmental Stores etc.

These points are being looked into by the Railway Administration.

Educational Survey by NCERT

6248. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Third All India Educational Survey conducted by the NCERT

enumerated 368 mother-tongues in the schools;

(b) if so, the policy adopted by Government for the promotion of the mother-tongues and the various facilities and incentives extended by Government for the preservation and promotion of these mother-tongues in the educational institutions; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof, especially in view of the fact that the languages listed in the 8th Schedule cover only 77.53 of the population of India and the remaining population of the countries dependent upon the various other mother-tongues listed in the survey?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a): The Third All India Educational Survey conducted by NCERT reported 367 mother-tongues. The Survey also listed 58 languages as educational languages at the school stage.

(b) and (c): Under Article 350A of the Constitution, it shall be the endeavour of every State and every local authority within the State to provide adequate facilities for instruction in the mother-tongue at the primary stage of education to children belonging to linguistic minority groups.

This position as also the recommendations of the Education Commission and subsequent recommendations of other Committees are known to the State Governments. It is for them to take appropriate decisions in the matter.

Recommendation of Rotterdam Port Exports of Calcutta Port

6249. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rotterdam Port Exports visited Calcutta Port recently;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by them;