

(b) Till 31st January, 1982 a sum of Rs. 6.86 lakhs has been paid as over-time allowance.

(c) 1115.

(d) and (e). In a communication addressed to the President in his capacity as Visitor of the University, a member of Parliament had, among others, mentioned that lakhs of rupees were given as over-time to employees in violation of the rules. These observations were brought to the notice of the University. The University has clarified that over-time allowance is paid in accordance with the prescribed rules and mainly due to unusual pressure of work or where assignments are to be completed within a specified time. The University has, however, initiated steps to contain the expenditure on overtime-time.

Shortage of Railway wagons at pit heads

2020. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH :

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of Railway wagons and the demand is not fully met;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of persons applied for Railway rakes to load coal from the pit heads during the years 1980 and 1981;

(c) the number of such persons who applied;

(d) the number of the persons who were allotted rakes for loading of coal during the same period and the number of rakes allotted to each person/firm; and

(e) whether any criteria were adopted by his Ministry in this regard and if not, reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, there is no acute shortage of wagons. The demands are being met practically in full in all coal-fields except to some extent in Jharia field.

(b) Coal rakes can be loaded from rail-head colliary sidings only, and not from pit heads.

(c) to (e). Do not arise in view of above.

India's efforts to end Iran-Iraq War

2021. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special role has been played by the Government of India to stop the Iran-Iraq War and to establish peace in the sub-continent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b). It was due to the special efforts of India together with some other countries, that Iraq and Iran agreed, at the Non-Aligned Foreign Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi in February, 1981, to the setting up of a Committee of four nations to try to bring an end to the Iran-Iraq conflict.

The Committee undertook three visits to Iraq and Iran, viz., in April, May and August, 1981 in order to explore possibilities of ending this unfortunate conflict. Since its last visit to the area, members of the Committee have continued to monitor the situation closely.

India hopes that the Non-Aligned Committee would reactivate its efforts