

ahead with developing curriculum and instructional materials and teacher orientation for this purpose. The recommendations of the Seminar have been communicated to all States/Union Territories for consideration and implementation.

The universities have also been advised by the University Grants Commission to take action in the matter.

#### **Interests and Depreciation Charges on Surplus Steam Locomotives**

1795. SHRI SURAJ BHAN:  
SHRI ATAL BIHARI  
VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) number of surplus Railway steam locomotives in each of the last three years and in the current year;

(b) expenditure incurred on these surplus steam engines in each of these years under the heads "Maintenance, Operating costs including crew and other staff, fuel costs" and investment which continues in these engines and spare parts for them; and

(c) interest and depreciation charges incurred on the investment mentioned in (b) above?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The steam locomotives which are overaged or are surplus to requirements are programmed for condemnation based on their condition. The number of steam locomotives condemned during 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 have been 164, 437 and 247 respectively. Orders have already been issued for condemnation of about 450 locomotives during 1982-83 so far.

(b) Locomotives which are not required are stored in the sheds and no expenditure is incurred on maintenance of these locomotives.

(c) The locomotives which are condemned are disposed off by sale soon thereafter. Therefore, no interest and depreciation charges are involved.

#### **Shore based institution for training navigating officers at Murud-Jangira**

1760. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has proposed that a shore-based institution for training navigating officers should be established at Murud-Jangira;

(b) whether the institute will be jointly run by the Ministry of Shipping and Transport and the Ministry of Defence;

(c) whether Government have decided on the location of the Institute; and

(d) if so, where will it be located?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) to (d). Government have not received any such proposal from Government of Maharashtra. However, there is a proposal under consideration for setting up a shore-based institution for Training Navigating Officers to be located at New Bombay. The proposal, however, does not envisage any involvement of Ministry of Defence.

#### **Promotion of folk arts by foreign grants**

1761. SHRIMATI USHA PRAKASH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several societies and institutions abroad are making grants for the promotion of arts, particularly folk arts, in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b). The Ministry has not received any information about societies and institutions abroad, making grants to Indian institutions for the promotion of arts, etc.