

available to indicate the number of people suffering from the mental illness.

**Setting up of Institute of Technology for Women at Dhubri, Assam**

2031. SHRI NURUL ISLAM : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to establish an Institute of Technology under Department of Science and Technology for women at Dhubri, Assam ;

(b) if so, the detail thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No proposal from the State Government of Assam has been received for consideration by the All India Council for Technical Education.

**World Bank Suggestion on Smaller Diameter Wheels**

2032. PROF RUP CHAND PAL : SHRI SUDHIR GIRI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state :

(a) The details of the literature supplied by the World Bank on smaller diameter wheels for the freight track of the railways ;

(b) whether the Government propose to accept those suggestions of the World Bank ;

(c) the comparative advantages of the smaller diameter wheels for freight track vis-a-vis 100 diameter wheel ;

(d) names of the countries where smaller diameter wheels of 920 mm. are currently in use ; and

(e) names of the countries where smaller wheel of 920 mm. are being manufactured in plenty ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI) : (a) Literature is of a technical nature.

(b) No. final decision has been taken ; trials are proposed to be made.

(c) Saving in steel, tare weight, fuel consumption, increase in pay load, reduction in unsprung weight. On the other hand, due to increased contact stress there would be some more rail wear.

(d) USA, Canada and most West European countries, Japan, Australia, China etc.

(e) USA, Canada, Japan, West European countries and other countries. These could be manufactured by any Wheel manufacturer including the Railway's wheel & Axle Plant under construction at Bangalore.

**National Policy on Education**

2033. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) the proposal of Union Government to have a National Policy on Education ; and

(b) details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) and (b) On the basis of the recommendations of Kothari Commission (1964-66) appointed by the Government of India, the National Policy on Education was adopted in 1968. Copies of the Policy Statement have been placed in Parliament Library.

**Electrification of Kharagpur-Midnapore Section**

2034. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for the electrification of the Kharagpur-Midnapore section of the South Eastern Railways ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?