

**Damage caused to Railways due to Rail Roko stir in Punjab**

809. SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state : the approximate cost of damage caused to the Railway property as a result of the June 'Rail Roko' stir launched by the Akali Dal in Punjab.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY): The loss suffered by the Northern Railway which covers the State of Punjab, as a result of the June 'Rail Roko' stir, launched by the Akali Dal, was nominal.

**West German and Denmark Aid for Primary School Buildings**

810. SHRI PIUS TIRKI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into some negotiations with the Governments of West Germany and Denmark for aid for the construction of Primary School buildings in India;

(b) if so, details of the aid to be received;

(c) details of the proposed utilisation of the aid State-wise; and

(d) what are the other sources from which Government propose to raise funds for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (c) A Project profile for development of primary education in tribal areas of Orissa State involving Danish assistance to the tune of Rs. 8 and which, *inter-alia*, envisages construction of 2,300 school units with teachers' quarters, has been posed to the Danish authorities in Dec-

ember, 1982. This proposal is still under consideration. Government have not entered into any negotiations with West Germany for construction of primary school buildings in India.

(d) School education, particularly primary education, is primarily the responsibility of States and is mostly managed by them. However, besides advising the States to allocate adequate funds for construction of primary school buildings, this Ministry is exploring the possibilities of

- (i) the Finance Commission providing special grants; and
- (ii) bilateral / international financial assistance, to help the States in the clearance of backlog of unsatisfactory primary and middle school structures.

**National Permits Issued to Scheduled Tribe Candidates for Trucks Since 1977**

811. SHRI PIUS TIRKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribe community to whom National permits of truck have been issued since 1977 till date, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) total number of National permits issued during this period, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) details of the National Tourist Permits issued in this period, State-wise and year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c) The total number of National Permits allocated to the States is revised from time to time but it is not on the annual basis. Allotments by the State Transport Authorities is normally done immediately after the allocations made to State Govts. As for permits to S.T.