

"three firms vying for tie-up" appearing in Financial Express date 23 October, 1983 ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the consortium "Indian Ship Builders" is being elbowed out by the activities of three foreign firms with the help of powerful Indian representatives and indirect help from Government ;

(c) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(d) corrective steps taken or proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) and (b) The report in the Financial Express dated the 23rd October, 1983 states that three foreign firms are vying for collaboration with a consortium of 4 Indian Shipyards viz. Hooghly Docking and Engineering Company Limited, Calcutta, Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam, Goa Shipyard Ltd., Goa and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, Calcutta for the supply of 15 offshore vessels to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission. This collaboration could not be said to be aimed at elbowing out the 4 Indian Shipyards.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Supply of Wrist Watches to Drivers, Ets and Asstt. Drivers by TFR Tundla

2599. **SHRI DAYA RAM SHAKYA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 1896 dated 4 August, 1983 regarding supply of Wrist Watches to Drivers, ETs. and Asstt. Drivers by T.F.R. Tundla and state ;

(a) whether the matter has since been investigated ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI) : (a) and (b) The preliminary investigation reveals that certain number of watches has been distributed to staff who were not eligible. Further investigation is still in progress.

Ex-cadre promotion for university teachers

2600. **SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that no promotion scheme avenues are there for teachers of affiliated colleges, whereas the university teachers have such avenues under the excadre promotion scheme;

(b) if so, what the Ministry is going to do to provide parallel promotion avenues to the college teachers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ex-cadre promotion scheme applied to the university teachers will have an adverse impact on their research activities and reading habit ; and

(d) if so, what corrective measures are being contemplated by the Ministry to keep up their research tempo and provide incentives to outstanding research scholars ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHELLA KAUL) : (a) No, Sir. The UGC has formulated Merit Promotion Schemes both for University teachers as well as teachers in affiliated colleges for implementation from 1-1-1983.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The purpose of Merit Promotion Scheme is to recognise outstanding work done by university/college teachers in teaching and research and