

made it clear that Pakistan will not allow any temporary setback in Indo-Pak ties owing to certain difficulties caused by some misunderstanding on both sides ;

(b) if so, whether this view has been welcomed by the Indian Government ;

(c) whether some of the recent attitudes and policy adopted by Pakistan towards India are not good to improve the relations but are towards deteriorating the relations ; and

(d) if so, whether India has drawn the attention of Pakistan to such issues which will not help in improving the relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) Government's attention has been drawn to Pakistan President's press statement to this effect.

(b) Government have taken note of this pronouncement and hope that it will be reflected in Pakistan Government's policies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government's serious concern at these developments has been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan.

Declaring Nepal as a "Zone of Peace"

2697. SHRI P.M. SAYEED :
SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Nepal Government has sought UN support for her Government's proposal that Nepal be declared a "Zone of Peace" ;

(b) if so, whether India also support-

ed the Nepal's proposal at United Nations ; and

(c) how many countries have supported the Nepal Government's move ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) It is not possible for the Government of India to give account of the countries that have supported the Nepalese move.

Mailani Passenger Train Accident Near Gonda

2698. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the engine and three bogies of the Mailani passenger train fell into the swollen Ghaghra river near Gonda where a culvert sank into the flood water on 11 September, 1983 ;

(b) if so, whether a large number of passengers died ;

(c) whether during September, October and November, 1983 large number of railway accidents took place ;

(d) if so, how many accident took place and in which States/Zones ; and

(e) number of people died and injured as a result thereof and whether enquiries were held ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI) : (a) On 11-9-83, the train engine and next three coaches of 175 Up Gonda-Mailani Passenger capsized as a result of sinkage of track and washing away of a culvert due to sudden rush

of water from overflowing Girija barrage over river Ghagra between Manjhra Purab and Tikunia stations of North Eastern Railway. At that time, the train was stationary and the passengers were already evacuated to safer places. The culvert itself is not situated on Ghaghra River.

(b) No person was either injured or killed.

(c) to (e) Zone-wise position of train accidents and number of persons killed and injured in the accidents during September to November, 1983 is as under :—

Zonal Railway	No. of train accident	Persons	
		killed	injured
Central	30	2	8
Eastern	24	—	29
Northern	26	31	107
Northeastern	13	—	21
Northeast Frontier	23	1	7
Southern	16	1	24
South Central	35	1	11
South Eastern	20	—	4
Western	11	4	4

All accidents are enquired into at an appropriate level. In some cases the enquiry has been completed and in others it is in progress.

Implementation of Minimum Programme of examination reforms

2699. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether University Grants Commission had asked all Universities to implement a minimum programme of examination reforms up to April, 1983 ;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the Examination Reforms Programme ; and

(c) whether any report has been received from the Universities by the Uni-

versity Grants Commission for better assessment of Students ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHIELA KAUL) :

(a) The University Grants Commission has suggested to all universities that they should implement a minimum programme of examination reforms preferably beginning with the examination during 1983-84.

(b) The Commission has suggested that each university should take the following measures :—

(i) the syllabus in each paper should be demarcated into well-defined units along-with topicwise breakdown.