

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI) : (a) The P.O.H. of Electric locos at Kharagpur Workshop has not yet been started.

(b) The proposal to set up capacity for P. O. H. of Electric Locomotives at Kharagpur is under consideration of the Ministry of Railways. Final decision for starting the P.O.H. activity will be taken dependent on requirement of electric loco P.O.H. capacity available, released capacity at Kharagpur due to reduction in steam loco workload in Kharagpur availability of funds etc.

#### Appointment of Volunteer Ticket Checking Staff

613. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways are appointing so called volunteer ticket checking staff at present ;

(b) if so, since when such appointments are given ;

(c) how many such volunteer ticket checking staff are working on the Indian Railways at present, zonewise ;

(d) who makes selection of these volunteer ticket checking staff and what agency or agencies send their names ;

(e) what is the remuneration for these volunteers ; and

(f) whether these volunteers will have any quota or will be given any priority in future appointments in Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI) : (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Soviet Union keen on Ship Repairs in India

614. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item "Soviet Union keen on ship repairs here" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 22 September, 1983 ;

(b) if so, whether Government had any discussion with Soviet Union in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

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

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

#### UGC Grants to Berhampur University Colleges

615. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of colleges under the Berhampur University, Orissa, which have received grants from University Grants Commission during the year 1983-84 and the amount released to these colleges so far ;

(b) the names of other eligible colleges under the Berhampur University Which have not received grants so far from the University Grants Commission ; and

(c) the steps taken by the University Grants Commission to provide the grants under different schemes and programmes, particularly the colleges located in tribal districts of this University ?